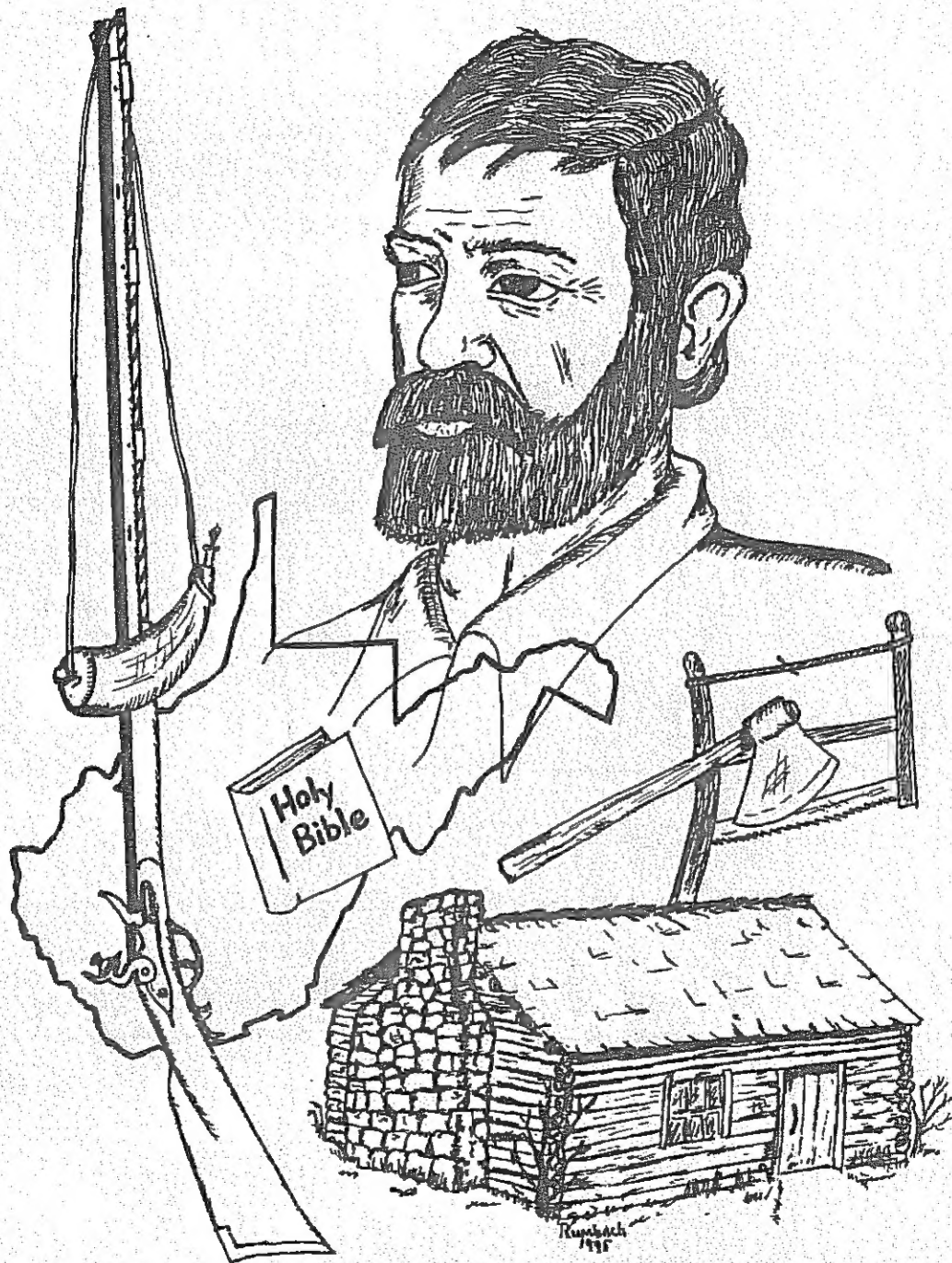


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Dear Cousins and Friends:

Things sure are changing around HCPD! It's very exciting - and sometimes sad! Now we have new windows - energy efficient, ultra-violet resistant windows that are easier on our gas and electric bills and help prevent the entrance of those damaging ultra-violet rays on our books, documents, and precious treasures. The Horner Busy Bees 4-H Club, under direction of leader Molly LAMB, has planted flowers all around our building; and come fall, as soon as the flowers are through blooming, the contractor will be installing some heavier beams under the "stacks" room to give added support to all our books. Vinyl siding will follow sometime next year. Rose NISSELL made us a **huge** wooden basket that now sits at the right side of the entrance to the building and is filled with marigolds. She and husband, Arch, also installed a water-pump to remind folks what it was like in the days before running water. The pump is ornamental and the water bucket is filled with marigolds. The second reprint (third edition) of *A Pictorial History of Old Lewis County: The Crossroads of Central West Virginia* which Chuck and I wrote in 1993 has been received and is available at \$52.50 each; and we are momentarily expecting *Lewis County, West Virginia: Her People and Places*. Many of you have waited a long time for this book. If you ordered a copy and have not received it by September 1, 2000, please contact Ruth HIGHLAND or me at the office; the same goes for photos you may have submitted for inclusion in the book.

Joe TEICHEIRA, the husband of our editor and former corresponding secretary, Raydine TEICHEIRA, passed away on April 27. We all extend our sympathies to Raydine and her family. Buzz BRAKE, our layout editor, has reluctantly tendered his resignation effective one year from this issue. He has had some employment changes that are leaving him very short on time. We truly appreciate the commitment he has given to the Journal these past three years and will miss the wonderful work he has done. Consequently, the board is seeking someone to take over the layout editor's job. The person need not live in West Virginia (Buzz is in Tacoma, Washington). He or she must have a computer and knowledge of using it for layout, and should be able to send and receive e-mail. Ready access to a good-quality printer is a must, and ready access to a scanner is a highly desirable time saver for the layout editor. While not absolutely imperative, it would help if the person has had a few years experience with genealogy research and has helped write or assemble publications or newsletters. The only compensation for the position is a HEARTY THANK YOU from all of us out here. Buzz will work with the new person -- as will I. Any volunteers?

This issue contains an article submitted by Betty ROBISON about the *Redmen*. HCPDer David ARMSTRONG and I have both done research on this fascinating segment of West
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Early Schools in Upshur County, WV

Extracted from *History of Education in West Virginia*.
Prepared under the direction of the State Superintendent of
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1904, pg. 243 - 247

Submitted by Valerie CROOK



BY W. S. MICK, SUPERINTENDENT

Just thirty years after the **PRINGLE** brothers began their pioneer life in the hollow of the Sycamore tree standing on the south bank near the mouth of Turkey Run and nine months after the immortal **WASHINGTON** had left the White House to become a private citizen at Mount Vernon, Mr. **HADDOX**, in a primitive log cabin near the mouth of Radcliff's Run, less than two miles south of the present town of Buckhannon, indeed, within the suburbs of the town, taught the first school in the bounds of the present County of Upshur. This school was supported by private subscription. The interest manifested can only be measured at this date by the liberality of the contributions which, when all collected, and paid over to the first "jolly pedagogue" in the present bounds of Upshur, amounted to the liberal salary of \$60 and board per month. The latter half of this consideration was by compliance with the condition that the teacher go home in turn with the pupils of each patron and supporter of the school. This remuneration is in striking contrast with the meager salary paid by our present district boards of education.

The attendance of this first school was regular, large, and wide. During the three months, the length of the school term, tradition informs us that the inexcusable non-attendance was nothing. Pupils were present at the hour of opening and during the day the program proceeded with the regularity of the clock. Children gathered from a circuit of five miles from the school house answered the roll call, "Here."

Our reliable informer also tells us the names of some who attended this first school. Thomas **CARNEY**, Zechariah **WESTFALL** and David **CASTO** were pupils, Jacob, John, William and Isaac **CUTRIGHT** and their sister, Ann, and the **OLIVER** children on Cutright Run were also pupils. Adam, Daniel, and George **CARPER** from the present site of Buckhannon were boys in attendance, and the **TINGLES**, the **FINKS** and **HYERS** from Finks Run were also enrolled.

The second school was established about 1800 on the site of the present court house in the town of Buckhannon and a Mr. Samuel **HALL** was employed to instruct the children of the neighborhood in reading, writing and arithmetic.

Mrs. Mary **BRADLEY** taught the first school at French Creek in the year 1817. Thus the meager beginning of the school history in Upshur County.

To these three schools were added, as necessity and comfort advised, others. The increase of schools was not and could not be satisfactory, owing to the need of

children at home, to clear the forest, to tend and collect the crops and otherwise to assist parents in providing for the absolute needs of the family.

In the mind of the pioneer, the greatest and highest achievement in education consisted in the ability to read a morning and evening scriptural lesson, a deed for land, or a stray volume of Shakespeare, or Poor Richard's Almanac, also, to be able to answer notices, to prepare contracts and deeds and to communicate with the land office at Richmond. Along with these marks of proficiency went the ability to add sums, estimate distances, to ascertain areas and to calculate Interest. Whenever the child could handle and apply readily the principles of these branches, he was well qualified to meet and combat the contingent experiences of this forest life.

The greatest stimulus to general education with equal school advantages came with the emigration of the New Englanders to this country. This emigration began in the year 1801 with Zechariah MORGAN settling on the Buckhannon river near the town of Sago. His story of this new country attracted Aaron GOULD, Sr., and his, in turn, brought Robert and Gilbert YOUNG with their families in the year 1811. The years 1814, 1815, 1816 and 1817 brought scores more of these enthusiastic Puritans, who contributed much, immeasurably to the agitation of greater school advantages which was seed sown in good ground and in time bore and is bearing fruit to the glory and honor of Upshur County citizenship. According to their strict ideas of life they forced an educational opportunity and made their children take and improve it.

Continuous battle was waged between poverty and the illimitable forest on one side and ambition and a hope of better future on the other. The acts of the Virginia Assembly of the late forties, giving partial State support to the schools were due in some measure to the violent agitation of the New Englanders west of the mountains. The Poor Fund converted many dwelling houses and churches into school houses. These required teachers and on February 1, 1847 an act was passed by the General Assembly of Virginia entitled, "An act to incorporate the Male and Female Academy of Buckhannon."

The incorporators by this act purchased a lot in the town of Buckhannon, near where the Episcopalian church now stands on Main street, and built thereon a comfortable one-story school house. Nearly all the students who attended this school became teachers as soon as their preceptor thought them capable. Some became influential in county politics after 1851.

So great was the interest in common school work that many new schools were started and the Poor Fund allotted to this County paid but a small part of current expenses. One teacher of this period tells us that he had thirty-five pupils and got only \$36 from the Poor Fund. Whenever the Poor Fund was not sufficient to compensate the teacher for his services he could choose either to teach for the Poor Fund only, or had to solicit from the patrons, a varied subscription, which was paid in corn, oats, live stock, or currency as provided by the agreement between teacher and patron at the time of the solicitation.

This brings us to the war of the rebellion. An act passed December 10, 1863, by the Legislature of West Virginia established free schools throughout the length and breadth of this war-born commonwealth.

A state superintendent, a county superintendent and a board of education of each school district has to be duly elected and qualified. The first election of a county superintendent and township school officers was held in every voting precinct in Upshur County on the fourth Thursday in April, 1864, with the result, which we think sufficient for this brief sketch, A. B. **BORHABOUGH**, afterward a very eminent divine of the West Virginia M. E. conference, till his death in 1901, was chosen as first county superintendent of free schools of Upshur County. No report is left by him to tell the number of schools and what condition they were in at that date, but it is fair to presume that his work was hard and earnest. His successor, J. Loomis **GOULD**, whose administration covered a period of six years from 1865 to 1871, gives a report for each year during his incumbency. His first report shows eighteen schools in operation, one school house, an enumeration of 2643, and enrollment of 535, an average daily attendance of 384. Number of male teachers, 11; number of female teachers, 8; average male salary, \$35 per month, and an average female salary of \$18 per month.

With a view to comparison with this first report the figures of each succeeding ten years up to 1895 are taken. The report of 1875 shows number of schools, 68; enumeration, 3259; enrollment, 2434; average daily attendance, 1484. Number of male teachers, 49; number of female teachers, 24. Average male salary, \$30.08; average female salary, \$30.48. The report of 1885 shows eighty schools, eighty-three school houses, 4023 enumerated, 3195 enrolled, 1973 in daily attendance, 64 male teachers, 26 female teachers. 'Report of 1895 shows 107 schools, 107 school houses, 4886 enumerated, 3905 enrolled, 2730 in daily attendance, 80 male teachers, 39 female teachers. The report of 1903 shows 132 schools, 115 school houses, 4925 enumerated, 3985 enrolled, 2699 in daily attendance, 67 male teachers, 65 female teachers. These figures indicate a healthy growth in the past thirty-eight years. At the time of the first report there were eighteen schools and one school house; at the time of the last report there were 132 schools and 115 school houses. An average increase of three schools and three school houses per year.

From the advent of the New Englander into the settlements along the Buckhannon River and the waters of French Creek, Presbyterianism took the lead in progressive educational ideas and affairs. Coming as they did from the highly intellectual atmosphere prevalent in and around Boston, it was but natural that they should take an unusual interest, indeed, the initiative, in providing for a general and a higher education of their children. Just prior to the Rebellion we find the Presbyterians in and around Buckhannon under the wise leadership of Rev. R. **LAWSON** and an earnest educator, bound together in united effort to establish the Baxter's Institute named after Richard **BAXTER** whom Dean **STANLEY** styles "The chief of English Protestant school men" and the author of Saint's Everlasting Rest. A lot was obtained and a site selected by the White Oak Grove near the site of the present West Virginia Conference Seminary.

Lumber was purchased and hauled on the ground. The contract for the building was let. War came on and the building was deferred. Armies invaded the county, besieged the town appropriated the lumber for camp and camp-fires and Presbyterian hopes for a high grade school were temporarily dissipated.

No sooner had the clouds of war cleared away than that unconquerable thirst for knowledge in the Puritan's breast began to agitate the advisability and possibility of an academy. At this time as well as since, the Presbyterian faith had more devotees in and around French Creek and it was but natural that that place should be the immediate field of operation.

On the 23rd day of February, 1871, the stronger and more well-to-do families of the French Creek Presbyterian church assembled in their church house and prepared papers asking for the incorporation of the French Creek Institute. The charter was granted March 2, 1871. The purpose of this school as stated in their charter was a male and female Academy, "to train up teachers and promote education generally." The Amount subscribed and paid upon the charter was \$410 with the privilege of increasing the capital stock to \$30,000. The charter does not expire until 1970, although the school has been for many years suspended and the academy building torn down. The first principal was Dr. Loyal YOUNG. Other principals were Myra BROOKS, J. Loomis GOULD and R. A. ARMSTRONG, now professor of English in the West Virginia University. This school wielded a wide, beneficent and salutary influence on the future school history and growth of this and adjoining counties.

The next effort toward the establishment of a higher school in the County was the West Virginia Normal and Classical Academy in the town of Buckhannon. Its founders were men prominent in the Parkersburg Conference of the U. B. in Christ Church. Rev. Zebedee WARNER, D. D., Rev. W. N. WEEKLEY, Revs. C. HALL, J. O. STEVENS and L. T. JOHN were foremost in encouraging and consummating its establishment. Prof. J. O. STEVENS was the first principal. He was greatly assisted by his lovable and enthusiastic wife, Mrs. J. L. STEVENS, now of Dayton, Ohio. Other principals were Profs. L. F. JOHN, W. S. REESE, W. O. FRIES, W. O. MILLS, now of the West Virginia Conference Seminary, and U. S. FLEMING, now superintendent of the Parkersburg City public schools. This school was moved to Mason city in 1897 and from there to Ravenswood.

This in brief is the history of the public, parochial and academical schools of Upshur County until the location of the West Virginia Conference Seminary at Buckhannon in 1897, an institution that has grown to large proportions in its brief life.

The present educational work in and for the public schools of Upshur indicates a healthy normal growth.

W. S. MICK, the present county superintendent [in 1904], enjoys the confidence of the teachers and with a tireless and watchful energy and a lofty purpose, is co-operating with and assisting patrons and teachers holding the same high ideals, in making the school system more complete, more effective and more general. A Friday Institute has been held in each magisterial district with a large attendance and with instructive programs. Saturday Institutes were held during the school term, one every month in each district, with good and lasting results. Prospects for future growth and development of greater interest by patrons and teachers are indeed flattering.

In closing I wish to express my gratitude to W. B. CUTRIGHT, of Buckhannon, for valuable assistance in the preparation of this article.

.....John DOE, b. 1789;
bapt. 1790; m. (1) Jane
SMITH, Oct 12, 1809; m.
(2) Elizabeth JONES, Jun
1, 1822; d.s.p. 1866.;
bur. Heavener Cem,
Buckhannon, WV. Cause
of death, **bronze John**....

Diseases of Old

Submitted by Sherri BRAKE-RECCO

The origin of this list of "diseases" is unknown. Some diseases in the original list were omitted because they are still in common use today having the same meaning.

Ablepsy - Blindness
Ague - Malarial Fever
American plague - Yellow fever
Anasarca - Generalized massive edema
Aphonia - Laryngitis
Aphbthai - The infant disease "thrush"
Apoplexy - Paralysis due to stroke
Asphyxia/Asphixia - Cyanotic
Atrophy - Wasting away, diminished size.
Bad Blood - Syphilis
Bilious fever - Typhoid, malaria, hepatitis
Biliousness - Jaundice, liver disease
Black plague or death - Bubonic plague
Black fever - Acute infection, high temp, dark red skin, lesions, high mortality rate
Black pox - Black Small pox
Black vomit - Vomiting old black blood due to ulcers or yellow fever
Blackwater fever - Dark urine associated with high temperature
Bladder in throat - Diphtheria
Blood poisoning - Bacterial infection; septicemia
Bloody flux - Bloody stools
Bloody sweat - Sweating sickness
Bone shave - Sciatica
Brain fever - Meningitis
Breakbone - Dengue fever
Bright's disease - Chronic inflammatory disease of kidneys
Bronze John - Yellow fever
Bule - Boil, tumor or swelling
Cachexy - Malnutrition
Cacogastric - Upset stomach
Cacospsy - Irregular pulse
Caduceus - Subject to falling or epilepsy
Camp fever - Typhus; aka **Camp diarrhea**
Canine madness - Rabies, hydrophobia
Canker - Ulcers of mouth/lips, herpes simplex
Catalepsy - Seizures / trances
Catarrhal - Nose and throat discharge from cold or allergy

Cerebritis - Inflammation of cerebrum or lead poisoning
Chilblain - Swelling of extremities caused by exposure to cold
Child bed fever - Infection following birth of a child
Chin cough - Whooping cough
Chlorosis - Iron deficiency anemia
Cholera - Acute severe contagious diarrhea with intestinal lining sloughing
Cholera morbus - Nausea, vomiting, abdominal cramps, elevated temp, etc.
Cholecystitis - Gall bladder Inflammation
Cholelithiasis - Gall stones
Chorea - Disease characterized by convulsions, contortions and dancing
Cold plague - Ague with chills
Congestive chills - Malaria
Consumption - Tuberculosis
Congestion - Collection of fluid in an organ, like the lungs
Congestive chills - Malaria with diarrhea
Congestive fever - Malaria
Corruption - Infection
Coryza - A cold
Costiveness - Constipation
Cramp colic - Appendicitis
Crop sickness - Overextended stomach
Croup - Laryngitis, diphtheria, strep throat
Cyanosis - Dark skin color from lack of oxygen in blood
Cynanche - Diseases of throat
Cystitis - Inflammation of the bladder
Day fever - Fever lasting one day; sweating
Debility - Lack of movement; staying in bed
Decrepitude - Feebleness due to old age
Delirium tremens - Hallucinations due to alcoholism
Dengue - Infectious fever endemic Africa
Dentition - Cutting of teeth
Deplumation - Tumor of the eyelids which causes hair loss
Diary fever - A fever that lasts one day

- Diphtheria** - Contagious disease of throat
Distemper - Animal disease with malaise, discharge from nose/throat, anorexia
Dock fever - Yellow fever
Dropsy - Edema (swelling), often caused by kidney or heart disease
Dropsy of the Brain - Encephalitis
Dry Bellyache - Lead poisoning
Dyscrasy - An abnormal body condition
Dysentery - Colon Inflammation with frequent passage of mucous/blood
Dysorexy - Reduced appetite
Dyspepsia - Indigestion and heartburn; heart attack symptoms
Dysury - Difficulty in urination
Eclampsy - Symptoms of epilepsy, convulsions during labor
Ecstasy - Catalepsy with loss of reason
Edema - Nephrosis; swelling of tissues
Edema of lungs - Congestive heart failure, a form of dropsy
Eel thing - Erysipelas
Elephantiasis - A form of leprosy
Encephalitis - Swollen brain; sleeping sickness
Enteric fever - Typhoid fever
Enterocolitis - Inflammation of intestines
Enteritis - Inflammations of the bowels
Epitaxis - Nose bleed
Erysipelas - Contagious streptococcal skin disease with vesicular and bulbous lesions
Extravasted blood - Ruptured blood vessel
Falling sickness - Epilepsy
Fatty Liver - Cirrhosis of liver
Fits - Sudden seizure of muscle activity
Flux - An excessive flow or discharge of fluid like hemorrhage or diarrhea
Flux of humour - Circulation problem
French pox - Syphilis
Gathering - A collection of pus
Glandular fever - Mononucleosis
Great pox - Syphilis
Green fever/sickness - Anemia
Grippe/grip - Influenza like symptoms
Grocer's itch - Skin disease caused by mites in sugar or flour
Heart sickness - Condition caused by loss of salt from body
Hectical complaint - Recurrent fever
Hematemesis - Vomiting blood
Hematuria - Bloody urine
Hemiplegy - Paralysis of one side of body
Hip gout - Osteomyelitis
Horrors - Delirium tremens
Hydrocephalus - Enlarged head, water on the brain
Hydropericardium - Heart dropsy
Hydrophobia - Rabies
Hydrothorax - Dropsy in chest
Hypertrophic - Enlarged organ, like heart
Impetigo - Contagious skin disease characterized by pustules
Inanition - Physical condition resulting from lack of food
Infantile paralysis - Polio
Intestinal colic - Abdominal pain due to improper diet
Jail fever - Typhus
Jaundice - Condition caused by blocked intestines
King's evil - Tuberculosis of neck and lymph glands
Kruchhusten - Whooping cough
Lagrippe - Influenza
Lockjaw - Tetanus or infectious disease affecting the muscles of the neck and jaw.
Long sickness - Tuberculosis
Lues disease - Syphilis
Lues venera - Venereal disease
Lumbago - Back pain
Lung fever - Pneumonia
Lung sickness - Tuberculosis
Lying in - Time of delivery of infant
Malignant sore throat - Diphtheria
Mania - Insanity
Marasmus - Progressive wasting away of body, like malnutrition
Membranous Croup - Diphtheria
Meningitis - Inflammations of brain, spinal cord
Metritis - Inflammation of uterus or purulent vaginal discharge
Miasma - Sickness thought to be caused by poisonous vapors infecting the air
Milk fever - Disease from contaminated milk, like undulant fever or brucellosis
Milk leg - Post partum thrombophlebitis
Milk sickness - Disease from milk of cattle which had eaten poisonous Weeds
Mormal - Gangrene
Morphew - Scurvy blisters on the body
Mortification - Gangrene of necrotic tissue
Myelitis - Inflammation of the spine
Myocarditis - Inflamed heart muscles
Necrosis - Mortification of bones or tissue
Nephrosis - Kidney degeneration
Nepritis - Inflammation of kidneys
Nervous prostration - Extreme exhaustion from uncontrolled physical, mental activities

Neuralgia - Described as discomfort, such as "Headache" was neuralgia in the head
Nostalgia - Homesickness
Palsy - Paralysis or uncontrolled movement of controlled muscles. Sometimes listed as "Cause of death"
Paroxysm - Convulsion
Pemphigus - Skin disease of watery blisters
Pericarditis - Inflammation of heart
Peripneumonia - Inflammation of lungs
Peritonitis - Inflamed abdominal area
Petechial Fever - Fever characterized by skin spotting
Puerperal exhaustion - Death due to child birth
Phthiriasis - Lice infestation
Phthisis - Chronic wasting away; tuberculosis
Plague - An acute febrile highly infectious disease with a high fatality rate
Pleurisy - Pain in chest area with each breath
Podagra - Gout
Poliomyelitis - Polio
Potter's asthma - Fibroid phthisis
Pott's disease - Tuberculosis of spine
Puerperal exhaustion - Death during childbirth
Puerperal fever - Elevated temperature after giving birth to an infant
Puking fever - Milk sickness
Putrid fever - Diphtheria.
Quinsy - Tonsillitis.
Remitting fever - Malaria
Rheumatism - Disorder with pain in joints
Rickets - Disease of skeletal system
Rose cold - Hay fever, nasal allergy
Rotanny fever - (Child's disease) ???
Rubeola - German measles
Sanguineous crust - Scab
Scarlatina - Scarlet fever
Scarlet fever - A disease with red rash
Scarlet rash - Roseola
Sciatica - Rheumatism in the hips
Scirrhus - Cancerous tumors
Scotomy - Dizziness, nausea, dim sight
Scrivener's palsy - Writer's cramp
Screws - Rheumatism
Scrofula - Tuberculosis of neck lymph glands. Progresses slowly with abscesses, pustulas
Scrumptox - Skin disease, impetigo
Scurvy - Lack of vitamin C. Weakness, spongy gums, hemorrhages under skin
Septicemia - Blood poisoning

Shakes - Delirium tremens
Shaking - Chills, ague
Shingles - Viral disease with skin blisters
Ship fever - Typhus
Siriasis - Inflamed brain from sun exposure
Sloes - Milk sickness
Small pox - Contagious disease with fever and blisters
Softening of brain - Brain tissue softening from stroke or hemorrhage
Sore throat distemper - Diphtheria or quinsy
Spanish influenza - Epidemic influenza
Spotted fever - Either typhus or meningitis
Sprue - Tropical disease characterized by intestinal disorders, sore Throat
St. Anthony's fire - Also *erysipelas*; affected skin areas are bright red in appearance
St. Vitas dance - Ceaseless occurrence of rapid complex involuntary, jerking movements
Stomatitis - Inflammation of the mouth
Stranger's fever - Yellow fever
Strangery - Rupture
Sudor anglicus - Sweating sickness
Summer complaint - Diarrhea, usually in infants caused by spoiled milk
Swamp sickness - Could be malaria, typhoid or encephalitis
Sweating sickness - Infectious and fatal disease common to UK in 15th Century
Tetanus - Infectious fever characterized by high fever, headache and dizziness
Thrombosis - Blood clot inside blood vessel
Thrush - Childhood disease characterized by spots on mouth, lips and throat
Tick fever - Rocky mountain spotted fever
Toxemia of pregnancy - Eclampsia
Trench mouth - Painful ulcers found along gum line, Caused by poor nutrition/hygiene
Tussis convulsiva - Whooping cough
Typhus - Infectious high fever, headache, and dizziness
Variola - Smallpox
Venesection - Bleeding
Viper's dance - St. Vitus Dance
Water on brain - Enlarged head
White swelling - Tuberculosis of the bone
Winter fever - Pneumonia
Womb fever - Infection of the uterus.
Worm fit - Convulsions with worms, teething, elevated temperature or diarrhea
Yellowjacket - Yellow fever

.....John DOE, **b.** 1789;
bapt. 1790; **m.** (1) Jane
 SMITH, Oct 12, 1809; **m.**
 (2) Elizabeth JONES, Jun
 1, 1822; **d.s.p.** 1866.;
bur. Heavener Cem,
 Buckhannon, WV.....

Genealogy Abbreviations

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adm. - admitted—administrator (of a will)
ae., aet. - aged—age
aft. - after
als. - alias
ante - before; by
app. or appt. - apparently—appointed,
 appointment
b. - born
bap., bapt. - baptized
bef. - before
betw. - between
bur. - buried
ca. - about (circa)
Cal. - Calendar
cf. - compare
cit. - the work cited (citato)
Co. or co. - county
coh. - co-heir
Coll. - College
cr. - created (as a peer)
d. - died
d.c.c. - writ of diem clausit extremum ("he
 has closed his last day")
d.s.p. - died without issue (sine prole)
d.s.p. legit (not d.s.p.l.) - died without
 legitimate issue
d.s.p.m. - died with male issue
d.v.p. - died during father's lifetime (vita
 patris)
d.y. - died young
dau. - daughter
dea. - deacon
disp. - dispensation
div. - divorced
dtd. - dated
ff. - following
fl. - flourished or living (only approximate
 date known)
frm - freeman, a voter in a colony. The date
 following is the date he was admitted.
gen(s) - generation(s)
gent. - gentleman

gr. - granted
GS - gravestone
h. - heir (or heiress)
husb. - husband
i. - issue
I.P.M.; Inq.p.m. - An inquest held to
 determine the deceased's land
 holding. (Inquisition post mortem, usually
 dated by "regnal year", which is expressed,
 as an example: 3 Hen. 4: 3 Hen IV - Third
 year of the reign of Henry IV
ibid. - the same
J.P. - Justice of the Peace
j.u. - jure uxoris, right of wife
k. - killed
K.B. - Knight of the Bath
K.G. - Knight of the Garter
K.T. - Knight of the Thistle (Scotland)
knt., kt. - knight
lic. - license
liv. - living
loc. cit. - place cited
m. - married
m. (1); m. (2); m. (3) - married first; married
 second; third, etc.
M.I. - monumental inscription
M.P. - Member of Parliament
matric. - matriculated (entered and
 recorded at college or university)
ment. - mentioned
Mich. - Michaelmas, the feast of St. Michael
 (many old dates are given as of a Saint's
 feast day, or days preceding or following it.)
ms. - manuscript
N., N.N. - name not known
n.i. - no issue
N.S. or n.s. - new series
nr. - near
ob. - died—obit
occ. - occurs
op. cit. - the work cited above (opere citato)
p.; pp. - page; pages

P.C. - Privy Council
 PCC - Prerogative Court of Canterbury
 perh. - perhaps
 pres. - presumed
 pro. - probated or proved (will)
 prob. - probably
 psh. - parish
 pub. - published
 purch. - purchased
 q.v. - quod vide, which see
 ref(s) - reference(s)
 regnal year - the date most often used in medieval documents referring to the number of the year of the reigning monarch at the time the document was dated.
 Rot. - Roll; Rolls (rotalus). A term used for many types of early records.

s. - son
 s.p. - without issue (see d.s.p.)
 sett. - settled
 sh. - shortly
 suc. - succeeded
 succ. - successively
 summ. - summoned
 suo juris - in his (or her) right
 surv. - survived
 ult. - ultimo (last)
 unkn. - unknown
 vol. - volume
 wid. - widow
 y. - young
 yr. - younger
 yr(s). - year(s)
 yst. - youngest

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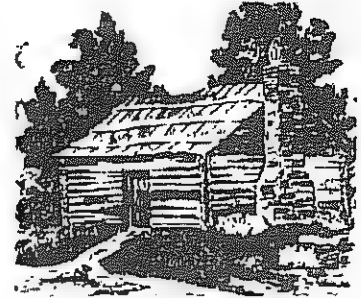
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Millersburg, Ohio



This two-page vignette from Arlof's life story is a poignant tale. We understandably make a big deal about the veterans of WWII, but sometimes forget unsung heroes...those who for various reasons stayed behind and kept the home fires burning. Sometimes they would rather have served in the military, but for reasons, sometimes beyond their control, they stayed behind and did what they could. Arlof was one of those. We appreciate his willingness to share the poignancy...and his feelings about it. Joy STALNAKER

I was born on George Washington's birthday in 1926 in Lewis County WV on Grass Run in an old log house. Jeff **BONNET** built it in the 1860's and my Grandfather, Charles W. **TAYLOR**, owned it. The house still stands today and is covered with siding.

We soon moved about one half mile up the right fork of Grass Run on a fifty acre farm that my father and mother had bought from my grandfather Taylor. There I resided for twenty-one years. Whoever I am and whatever I have become I owe to those years of watching, listening to, and learning from my father and mother. I learned that hard work and the ability to handle money was one's birthright and the Hope Chest to everything you want in life.

We prospered and added more land and by the time I was a senior in high school, we were farming 260 acres. By this time I was alone on the farm as my brothers and sister had departed for service and wartime jobs. I became 18 years of age on February 22, 1944 and Uncle Sam beckoned for me to come. The neighbors along with my parents got me deferred. I was more than willing to go but the draft board said I could do more for the war effort at home than in the service.

The first day I went to school, I was called in by the principal and sent home. My school days were over. "Who do you think you are?" he said. "You either fight or work for the war effort." With tears in my eyes I begged to be allowed to graduate with my class. He and my teachers got their heads together. I was allowed to carry two classes from home and report to my teachers one day every two weeks.

I was running the farm and attending school, and at that time I did not understand why I couldn't continue in the same frame. Now I see that I had to conform or nitpickers would have destroyed me and the school would have suffered also for coddling me.

I graduated and survived, but I have always felt cheated, as I was the only one in the family that had a dream of a college education. My classmates came home from the service and were entitled to benefits of the GI Bill. I did as my parents, the draft board, and the government instructed me to do. I received no hallowed celebration,

welcome home, or GI Bill. My greatest adulation came from my parents and siblings who thought I had held their home intact.

Now it will surely be my time. I would not leave my aged parents who could no longer work the farm and had no other money or income. My siblings said I had done an excellent job and you should inherit the farm I helped save. They all drifted away to other states and good jobs. I realized at last that I was tied to my parents until their death. My future looked like what I was trying to rise above, an uneducated dirt farmer.

My older brother and his wife decided they would come home from Ohio and farm. I welcomed them and a few months later took my sad satchel in my callused hands and a loan of one hundred dollars from my sainted mother and bought a ticket to Cleveland, Ohio. There I hired out on the Pennsylvania Railroad in engine service and served them well for forty years.

In about ten years, my older brother did what I could never have done, leave our aged parents and move to Arizona because of his health. Of course the farm was sold and my parents were financially taken care of.

I married a childhood sweetheart who came to Cleveland. We were blessed with two daughters. After seven years, divorce lifted its serpentine head. Four years later I married again and was blessed with one son. After twenty-nine years my second wife died of heart disease.

With all my children married and gone, my wife passed away, and I retired, life was nothing. I had an older half brother living in Canton, Ohio. He lost his wife and again I became a supporter and caregiver. I took care of him by his power of attorney to me. After about five years we sold his farm and home and he moved to Cleveland in an assisted living home close to me.

I had become reacquainted with a woman I had known for thirty years and we had dinner quite often. She became quite interested in my problems with my half brother and in a way sort of took over. She could talk to him in a bossy way and he would obey. I could never order him about. She was about to retire and had started to build a house in Holmes County. I decided to marry her and move to Holmes County with her. She immediately started to volunteer in a local nursing home so we brought my brother from Cleveland to that nursing home and there we visited him daily until he passed away.

My first love in life is where my roots were, West Virginia. My second love is Holmes County, Ohio. The Amish and their horses, their farms and work ethics remind me of home. And many men have settled for less than second best.

This was too brief a story of my life. There are a thousand brief episodes that I recall and that should be told. Yet I have only begun to live and I expect to try this again someday. I look behind me in the far distant haze and I see Father Time with his scythe coming for me. I will not wait...it is a wonderful life and he will be a very tired man when he catches me.

Arlof D. GUM

The Butcher Family of West Virginia

This article is extracted from an original copy of "*The History West Virginia and Its People*," by Thomas Condit MILLER and Hu MAXWELL, published in New York by the Lewis Historical Publishing Company in 1913. This Volume includes biographical sketches on many prominent families who played an important part in settling and developing north central West Virginia.

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Hon. Bernard L. Butcher

The **BUTCHER** family migrated from England and first **BUTCHER** settled in or near Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where the name appears several times in the United States census, 1790, in Lancaster and Montgomery counties;

(I) Samuel **BUTCHER**, Sr., migrated from Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, to near Bloomfield, Cameron parish, in Loudoun county, Virginia, then Prince William, afterwards Fairfax county, long before the revolutionary war. His wife's name was Susannah, who died in 1801 in Loudoun county. His will was probated in Loudoun county, 1778. He owned a large plantation there. He donated land for and built a Baptist church near his home. They had eight children: John, married Susannah **LEWIS**; Susannah, born 1754, married James **GRADY**; Mary, married Benjamin **OVERFIELD**; Elsa, married John **PRICE**; Hannah, married Jenkins **PHILLIPS**; Elizabeth, married John **BUSKIN**; Samuel, of whom further; Jane, married Joseph **HICKMAN**.

(II) Samuel (2), son of Samuel (I) **BUTCHER**, was born March 28, 1756, and died in Wood county, Virginia (now West Virginia), May 2, 1847. He was a soldier in the revolutionary war and some time after the war, before 1800, moved west from Loudoun county, Virginia, locating first in Randolph county, on the Tygarts Valley river, in the bend, near the new city of Elkins, and erected a mill on the river, near where the State Odd Fellows Home is now situated. He owned a large farm here, which he conveyed July, 1815, to Levi **WARD**. He had moved his family to Wood county, Virginia, shortly before this, locating across the Little Kanawha river, opposite the mouth of Walkers creek, in Butcher's Bend, where two of his sons, Thomas and Peyton, had preceded him, and in the neighborhood where his married daughters had located. He married Hannah, born August 16, 1761, died February 2, 1844, in Wood county, Virginia, daughter of Thomas and Uree (**HUMPHREY**) **DRAKE**, and niece of Colonel Thomas **HUMPHREY**, of Washington's staff. He declined to apply for a pension because the applicant must state that he owned less than \$5,000 worth of property. His children were: 1. Eli, of whom further. 2. Uree, born January 27, 1782; married Richard H. **REEDER** in 1801 in Randolph county, and migrated to Wood county, Virginia, where they lived to a great age and had thirteen children. 3. Thomas, born April 3, 1784; married Susan **PEADRO** in 1807 in Randolph county and removed to Wood county, on the Little Kanawha; had ten children, one of whom, Edwin Samuel **BUTCHER**, is still living (1912) at the age of ninety-two. 4. Peyton, born June 28, 1786; married Elizabeth

RENICK in 1810, moving from Randolph county to Wood county. They had eight children. 5. Tasy, born 1787; married (first) John Peadro in 1813 in Randolph county, and moved to Wood county; eight children; married (second) Seth Harmer. 6. John Humphrey, born in 1788; married (first) Nancy **OVERFIELD**, (second) Mary **GLASSCOCK**, he resided in Loudoun county, Virginia, six children. 7. Bailiss Grigsby, born in 1790; married (first) Patsy **McNEAL** (second) Susan **RUST**; two children by first wife. 8. Susannah, born April 22, 1798; married Atwell D. **VAUGHN**, of Wood county; eleven children. 9. Anna W., born August 1s, 1800; married (first) Abraham **PRIBBLE**, of Wood county, (second) John **VAUGHN**, of Wood county; five children. 10. Deborah, born January 26, 1804, married Hiram **PRIBBLE**, of Wood county; seven children. 11. Hannah, born in 1805, married Daniel **KINCHELOE**, of Wood county, ten children.

(III) Eli, son of Samuel (2) **BUTCHER**, was born August 15, 1779, in Loudoun county, Virginia. He remained in Randolph county, to which his father removed from Loudoun, and thence to Wood, and became a prominent merchant at Beverly, the county seat of Randolph. Before his father removed from Loudoun, Eli learned the trade of joiner or furniture-maker and was very efficient. One or more pieces of this handiwork made for his own pleasure are still in use. About the time of the formation of Barbour county he became the owner of valuable property at Booths Ferry, now Philippi, and moved there, but after a few years sold out and returned to Beverly and built a country home on his farm near the town and resided there the remainder of his life. After the Black Hawk Indian war, 1840, he purchased a large tract of land on the Mississippi river, north of Rock Island, and several of his children located there.

On September 27, 1804, Eli **BUTCHER**, Jr. married (first) Elizabeth **HART**, daughter of Edward and Nancy **HART**. She was born in New Jersey, March 11, 1780, and died October 24, 1823, leaving surviving her, nine children, as follows: 1. Emily, born June 26, 1805; married Adam **SEE**, October 3, 1822, and in 1852 removed to California with a large family. 2. Edith A., born October 16, 1806; married, June 27, 1823, Hugh **DAILY**, who died near Cordova, Illinois, August 27, 1840; she died February 20, 1869, near Cordova, Illinois, leaving seven children. 3. Burrell B., born August 30, 1808; married Julia Ann **RIGHTMIRE**; he died March 8, 1841, Near Cordova, Illinois, leaving wife and two children. 4. Thursey, born May 24, 1810; married Jonathan **ARNOLD**, February 18, 1827, and died in Randolph county, June 5, 1828, leaving no child surviving. 5. John Hugh, born May 24, 1812, died unmarried, July 6, 1850, of cholera, on the Rocky Mountains, on the way to California. 6. Mariah, born May 26, 1815; married John **ASHFORD**, of Kentucky, September 12, 1833; she died in Lyons, Iowa, December, 1893. 7. Theodore, born July 26, 1817; married Eunice **STALNAKER**, March 1, 1836, and died in Comanche, Iowa February 27, 1893, leaving one son, Burns. 8. Rufus, born August 8, 1819, died September 11, 1839, at Cordova, Illinois, unmarried. 9. Edward Grady, born September 1, 1822; married (first) Sallie **WILSON**, at Clinton, Iowa; she died April 12, 1878, he married (second) Susan E. (**BOOTH**) **TEACHORE**, January 15s, 1882, and died January 11, 1892, at his home in Comanche, Iowa; three children. Eli **BUTCHER** married (second) Margaret, daughter of Daniel **HART**, who was son of John **HART**, the singer, April 18, 1825. She was born September, 1791, and died November 3, 1867, at Beverly, West Virginia. By this marriage he had four children, one of whom died in infancy; the surviving children were: 1. Eli Baxter, of whom further. 2. Fountain, born October 21, 1827; married (first) Lee Ann **HAMILTON**, four children, married (second) Almira **RUDER**; three children; died February 1, 1893. 3. Creed W.,

born February 6, 1834; married Amanda **DANIELS**, and died January 30, 1895, leaving nine children.

(IV) Eli Baxter, son of Eli **BUTCHER**, was born February 1, 1826, and died March 25, 1862. He became a merchant and took charge of a store near Huttonsville, when he was fourteen years of age, for his father, and about the time he was married bought out his father and became a very prosperous merchant, and a popular man of high standing, being frequently called to serve in public and semi-public positions. The war between the states resulted in the loss of his store and a large amount of property, as well as the destruction by fire, after his death, of his large and valuable buildings, including his dwelling house, store, barns etc., by order of a Federal officer, setting the widow and her four infant children in the public road.

He married, October 28, 1852, Elizabeth, born at Huttonsville, July 23, 1836, daughter of Moses and Mary (**HAIGLER**) **HUTTON** (see Hutton III). The children are as follows: 1. Bernard L., of whom further. 2. Florence May, born May 30, 1856, at Huttonsville; married Jared L. **WAMSLEY**, August 7, 1880, son of Captain Jacob S. and Minerva (**HAMILTON**) **WAMSLEY**. 3. Mary Hart, born April 10, 1858, at Huttonsville; married, May 13, 1879, E. D. **WAMSLEY**, son of Captain Jacob S. and Minerva (**HAMILTON**) **WAMSLEY**; at Beverly, West Virginia. 4. Ida Miller, born July 19, 1860, at Huttonsville, West Virginia; married, October 9, 1888, at Beverly, John C. **ARBOGAST**, son of Frank and Mary (**BEARD**) **ARBOGAST**; they have eight children, and reside at Asheville, North Carolina.

(V) The Hon. Bernard L. **BUTCHER**, son of Eli Baxter **BUTCHER**, was born September 12, 1853, near Huttonsville, Randolph county, West Virginia. He was reared in Randolph county, receiving his early education in the Huttonsville Academy and the public schools; and then attended the Fairmont State Normal School, from which he graduated with the class of 1874. During his continuance in the Normal School and for a year afterward, he studied law with the late Judge Alpheus F. **HAYMOND**, of Fairmont, and was admitted to the practice of law in Randolph county in the fall of 1875, and has been in active practice since that time. He became owner and editor with V. B. **TRIMBLE**, of the *Randolph Enterprise* in 1875-76.

He was elected prosecuting attorney of Randolph county in the fall of 1876, and served the term of four years acceptably to the people of that county. During this time he was also a member of the board of regents of the State Normal Schools, being appointed in 1877 by Governor Henry M. **MATHEWS**. His interest in the public schools and the State Normal Schools brought him to the attention of the educational leaders and others, and he was nominated and elected on the Democratic ticket in 1880 for state superintendent of free schools, at the age of twentyseven, and served the term of four years, removing from his home at Beverly to Wheeling, then the capital of the state. During his term of office important progress was made in educational development. The Normal Schools were re-established in public favor and the appropriations made permanent and greatly increased. He re-established the *School Journal*, obtained legislation providing for the education of colored teachers; established Arbor Day in the schools of the state in 1882, being the first state east of the Mississippi; and did many things to make the schools of the state more uniform, and stimulated the efforts to provide better houses and better teachers. His term of office was aptly termed a "revival of education" in the state.

About the close of his term of office, or early in 1886, he was appointed permanent secretary of the Business Men's Development Association of the State, presided over by the late United States Senator Johnson N. **CAMDEN**; he continued in that position for some time, preparing, printing and distributing literature in relation to the resources of the state and the advantages for investors and those seeking homes in the state. The association was the beginning of the great development, which has since come, of the natural resources of the state of West Virginia, bringing in large capital for investment and for development, especially in coal, oil, gas, and timber, resulting in extensive railroad building. Mr. **BUTCHER** was actively engaged with others for several years during the succeeding period, until about 1893, in the purchase of large boundaries of timber and coal lands, having removed to Beverly from Wheeling in the meantime.

In 1892 he was elected one of the presidential electors, voting for Grover **CLEVELAND** for president. The following year, 1893, he was one of the jurors in the Forestry Department of the World's Fair at Chicago, and spent several weeks there, during the fair, assisting in advertising the attractions of the state. He moved about that time to Fairmont, where he has since resided, engaged in the practice of law.

He has always been actively identified with the advancement of public education, being one of the directors of the Public Library for many years; trustee of Davis and Elkins College; and was for ten years a member of the board of regents of the State Colored Institute, near Charleston, West Virginia, which has grown to be a great industrial and educational institution for the colored race.

In 1901 he was appointed referee in bankruptcy by the late Judge John J. **JACKSON**, judge of the United States district court, and has been reappointed from time to time by his successor, Judge Alston G. **DAYTON**. In 1906 he was nominated by the Democrats of Marion county for judge of the intermediate court, but declined the nomination.

He was active in the organization of the Marion County Law Library and the Marion County Historical Society, having been a member of the State Historical Society for a long time. He has been for many years a member of the Presbyterian church, in which he is an elder, a member of the Masonic fraternity; and a director in the Young Men's Christian Association.

Mr. **BUTCHER** has been an active Democrat and taken a prominent part in the councils of his party, both state and local, and has a wide circle of acquaintances and friends.

He married, January 23, 1878, Mary Ellen, born September 7, 1856, in Marion county, West Virginia, daughter of Daniel H. and Hannah (**BURNER**) **AYERS**. They were married at her home in Palatine, now Fairmont, Marion county, West Virginia. They had four children, one dying in infancy: 1. Willa Hart, born October 8, 1878, at Beverly; teacher; married John L. **LEHMAN**, Esq., of Fairmont, West Virginia, April 23, 1909; died November 11, 1911. 2. Samuel Hutton, born June 12, 1881, in Fairmont; attorney-at-law; married Mary **WILLIAMS**, April, 1911. 3. Birch L., born in Wheeling, June 23, 1883; civil engineer; unmarried.

The Hutton Line

The Hutton family, into which Eli Baxter **BUTCHER** married, is of Welsh origin and first settled near Moorefield, on the south branch of the Potomac, Virginia, where they became prominent land-owners, especially Colonel Moses **HUTTON**.

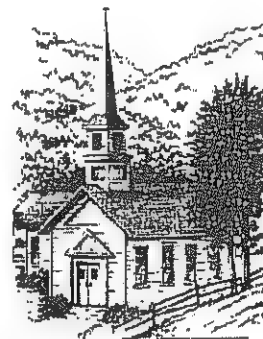
(II) Jonathan, son of Colonel Moses **HUTTON**, and grandfather of Elizabeth (**HUTTON**) **BUTCHER**, was born in the South Branch Valley of the Potomac, near Moorefield, June 3, 1769, and married Mary **TROUTWINE**, May, 1790; soon after they moved west to the Tygarts Valley, settling at what soon became Huttonsville, in Randolph county. He became a leading man of that county and a large landowner. He had a large family, who intermarried with the leading families of that time in Randolph county, as follows: Elizabeth, married Andrew **CROUCH**, Moses of whom further, Catherine, married Charles C. **SEE**; John A., married Dorothy **SEE**; Abram, married Ann **WILSON**; Mary, married Washington J. **LONG**.

(III) Moses (2), son of Jonathan **HUTTON**, was born August 13 1795, on the South Branch. He married Mary, daughter of Jacob and Christina (**HARPER**) **HAIGLER**. They had a large family, who inter-married with leading families of that region, as follows: Alfred, married Caroline **WARD**, Mary Ann, married Thomas B. **SCOTT**; Elizabeth, married Eli B. **BUTCHER** (see **BUTCHER IV**); Colonel Elihu, married Sophronia **WOODFORD**; Eugenius, who was a Confederate soldier, killed in battle near Winchester, Virginia, 1864; Virginia, married Lee M. **WARD**; Mozella, married W. Scott **WOODFORD**.

Leading Creek Class Organized In 1893

submitted by Betty ROBISON

The following lists of a class and the pastors at an unspecified church on Leading Creek was extracted from her grandmother's scrapbook by Betty Robison. Readers knowing of the church, its members or pastors, are encouraged to contact Betty or the editorial staff of the *HC Journal*.



Class Members

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| 1. PRATT---Leader | 14. Lettie FETTIE |
| 2. William RINEHART | 15. Mertie/Martie FETTIE |
| 3. Sarah RINEHART | 16. C.C.ALLMAN |
| 4. Mary A.F. PRATT | 17. J.C.WOOFER |
| 5. Elsey RINEHART | 18. Abraham ALLMAN |
| 6. Daisy ALLMAN (HARTLEY) | 19. Sabriah HARRIS (deceased) |
| 7. Gay WOOFER | 20. Jessie RINEHART - by letter to
Burnsville July 1, 1903 |
| 8. India WOOFER (KAYSER) | 20. Mrs. Jessie RINEHART - by letter
to Burnsville July 1, 1903 |
| 9. P.E. ALLMAN | 21. Jessie WOOFER |
| 10. Mary ALLMAN | 22. Florence RINEHART |
| 11. Porter ABLES | 23. Ethel SLEETH (WEST) |
| 12. Emma/Ermona ? SLEETH (BROWN) | |
| 13. Ellen BAILEY | |

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| 24. Flora JONES | 32. Ona BRAKE - joined some years ago under G.A.DOYLE |
| 25. Gertrude MONEYPENNY - confession of Faith Dec 8,1901 | 33. Emma McMELLSON/McMILLSON - joined by letter April 27, 1902 |
| 26. Myrtle MONEYPENNY - confession of Faith Dec 8, 1901 | 34. Liddy WOOFER - confession 1/14/1904 |
| 27. Hays BAILEY - (joined Baptist 1902 without letter) | 35. Loney RINEHART -confession 1/14/1904 |
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| 29. B.F. STUTTLER - (joined Baptist 1902 without letter) | 37. Julia WOOFER - confession 3/27/1904 |
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Popish Foviet Servant??

In a posting on the HCPD-List, Joy STALNAKER wrote: A page out of some Augusta County, VA, baptisms says: "Mr. James PATTON stood sponser for a child Bapd named Henry born in his house of a Papish Foviete Servant, a base person; Could not be brought to tell who was the father notwithstanding all means used but supposed to be begotten by one Charles HIKEY, another **papish foviet servant**, because they had been seen too great together." This record is dated January 1741-42. What is "Papish foviet?" I think Papish means "Catholic" or "Papist."
Joy STALNAKER

Member Eric CURTIS replied: "Joy, Here's my "guess" as to your "Popish Foviet Servant" based on my five years as an indifferent Latin student. Augusta County in 1741 was predominantly Scotch-Irish only recently from Antrim, the sieges of Derry and Limerick, and the Battle of the Boyne (my mother's kin among them). 1. They were pathologically anti-Catholic..."Papist"... "Popish" 2. Some of their Presbyterian Ministers took pride in their Latin training, and perpetrated new English words, based on Latin (neology). Their spelling was erratic and original. 3. My Cassell's Latin Dictionary says "fovea -ae (f)" means "a pit, esp. as a trap for catching game, a pitfall." 4. In modern biology "foveate" means "pitted", or "of a pit." 5. Therefore the servant had fallen into the Popish or Catholic pit, or pitfall. The word may even have been commonly used in "hellfire and brimstone" sermons. In the absence of any modern dictionary definition, that's the best I can do.
Eric CURTIS

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Tecumseh's Birthplace Still Hasn't Been Settled

Historians Debate Whether Ohio or West Virginia is Home to Shawnee Leader



[Based on interviews with HCPD's own Joy STALNAKER and Ruth HIGHLAND and picked up nationwide by the Associated Press]

More than 150 years after his birth, historians are still debating whether Shawnee leader **TECUMSEH** was a Mountaineer or a Buckeye.

Tecumseh fought against the expansion of white settlers into the Midwest in the early 19th century, and unsuccessfully tried to forge an alliance of American Indian tribes. He was born in 1768 and died in 1813 in the Battle of the Thames in Canada, where he was serving as a brigadier general for the British.

Although many reference works list Ohio as his birthplace, both West Virginia and Ohio claim **TECUMSEH** as their own.

"He supposedly told (pioneer settler) John Hacker that he was born on his property," said Joyce *[sic]* F. **STALNAKER**, director of Central West Virginia Genealogy and History Library in Lewis County. The property in Lewis County was once the site of a Shawnee hunting camp.

That account is backed up by written records reporting a meteor in the area at the time of Tecumseh's birth. Tecumseh's name means "shooting star," and according to local lore, a meteor was sighted when he was born.

Other historians say **TECUMSEH** was born near a major Shawnee town, called a chillicothe. Ohio has at least six such sites, including the city of Chillicothe.

"Wherever two or more historians are gathered, there will be a battle," said Marion **WAGGONER**, who directs the outdoor drama *Tecumseh* in Chillicothe. **WAGGONER** said Chillicothe claims only to be the site of a chillicothe, not Tecumseh's birthplace.

The debate is more than academic. Staking claim to a historic event or figure can draw in tourists and their money, said Joe **GEIGER**, a historian with the West Virginia Division of Culture and History. "When you go on a vacation and you're going from Point A to Point B, there are all the little points in between," **GEIGER** said. "The more you're able to market your history, the better."

While the debate may never be resolved, **STALNAKER** said it continues to fascinate people. "People come from all over the country, especially in the summer when people are traveling on vacation," [Ruth] **HIGHLAND** said. "We do have some people that e-mail our discussion group who are American Indians."

Williams' Fourth Reunion

a poem by C. H. WILLIAMS

My grandpa, Cornelius Hurley **WILLIAMS**, also known as "Neal," wrote this poem in 1940 as the Williams family celebrated it's fourth family reunion. I remember attending the reunions on Hodam Mountain as a child.

Joanne CURRY

'Twas nineteen forty, September the first. Our fourth reunion, and not the worst.
About nine thirty we boarded a truck, and happily, we had good luck.

We stopped at the game farm where they keep the bear, and picked up children by the
pair.

There was Edwin and Arden, Gilbert and Lettie, Donald and Jimmie, Dorothy and Betty.

Up Mulberry Ridge, fine farms in sight, we left Rock Cave, just off to the right.
Rock Cave no other town surpasses "For honest men, and bonny lassies."

Past Arlington, and **FIDLAR's** Mill, and the beer joint, that tops Pritts hill.
They entertain you night or day, for they have cabins, so they say.

Next place we pass, Kanahwa Head, where the **HAYMONDS** met, that day, 'twas said
Some years ago, they called it Shinar, the name applied, to a man named **MINER**.

The next place we came to Cleveland town, where once a horrid crime was done.
We seen the place where "Jerry Run." We wondered when the race begun.

Across the hill, where the monuments stand, pointing the way to the pleasure land.
Not quite a land of milk and honey, for it was made, with the people's money.

Then Hacker Valley, long since dead, since **BREWSTER** left it, in the red,
flow gentle folks, I mean no harm, but, they say that **CLAYPOLE** owns the farm.

We crossed the bridge where the banker died, because his sins he could not hide,
He thought he'd commit suicide.

To the top of Hodam, a beautiful hill, where they sell beer, and other swill,
At night their business, chiefly rushes, for they have cabins in the bushes.

And now we're passing Crowfoot turn, where Preacher **GILLIS** hid the churn.
And a little further down the street, we passed a place called Joe's Defeat.

And near the place where, though remorse, Melvina **ALKIRE** killed the horse.
At the mouth of Big Run we passed a hangout, where once was Louis **GARVIN's** hangout.

And just to the east across the branch, we seen Zell **LINES'** chicken ranch.
And up Mud Lick across the way, I seen the place, where I used to stay,
And labored, many a long, hard, day.

When Slippery Ford, now called a brook, where Henry **DOBBINS** saw a spook,
Rock Timber Run, now has a store, the owner standing in the door.

We came to Diana, of ancient renown, it's somewhat scattered, but still a town.
It started at the Liza **DOBBIN** place, And went up stream at a very slow pace.

Up Grassy Creek by the Chestnut Post, Where Buffalo Bill once seen a ghost.
We seen where Passons **BROOKS** was killed, A little south of Tracy's Mill.

We looked at the place where the Splash Dam stood, "It's all gone now" grown up in woods.
We took to the rocks with jolt and lurch, just before we came in sight of the church.

At the mouth of a run we passed the place, where a man was buried by Billy **MACE**,
We seen the place where Warner run, to Billy **MACE** it sure was fun.

Now near the church, we glimpsed the steeple, And presently, behold! The people,
They'd come from far, they came from near, some to greet, some to sneer.

There was **MILLERs**, **LYNCHes**, **HINESes** and **LOWEs**, a host of young fellows, that nobody
knows. Women and children, whole families complete. All seemed willing, and anxious to eat.

But I was pleased to see them, just the same, no matter whence, or why they came.
And I can always, truly say, I hope we meet, another day.

John **ARTHUR** talked, both loud and long, and **MILLERs** cheered, with sacred song.
We had a good time, some pictures taken, old friendships renewed, old confidence shaken.

Well, I could tell you more in rhyme, but I'll take up no more of your time.
So now, "so long, to all" I say, "we are hoping to meet another day."

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This book by the late Dr. James **WOOFER** is now available for sale. Edited by Doris **RADABAUGH** and published by the author's widow, Grace **WOOFER**, the 676 page volume includes the families of five of the six known children of John and Elizabeth **BEALL** who came to what was later Gilmer County, West Virginia which was formed in 1845 from Lewis and Kanawha counties. They include John R., Townsend, George, Henry Milo, and Nancy. A son, William, is believed to have never married. John R. settled in Ritchie County. Townsend, George, William, and Nancy remained in Gilmer County; and Henry Milo lived in the part of Gilmer County that later became Calhoun County. After many years of research, the information Dr. **WOOFER** collected is in one indexed, hardbound, 8 ½ x 11" volume printed by Carlisle Printing, Walnut Creek, Ohio.

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TIME CHANGES ALL THINGS

Written for the Democrat

Oliver, Saturday May 14, 1892

Abner **ABBOTT** was one of the early settlers of the head waters of Stone Coal Creek. Mr. **ABBOTT** was a very industrious, upright and quiet citizen, and by his industry, frugality and enterprise made a good living for himself and family. He, like the most of the pioneers, was blessed with a large family, and some of his descendants are yet residing on the same Creek where their grand sire first built his log cabin.

Henry **HARDMAN** owned and resided on a fine and productive farm on Stone Coal. He, like all of the family of the name in the county, was a very large and portly man, about sixty years of age; a man of very independent circumstances and a local preacher in the M. E. Church. He exerted a great influence for good in the community in which he resided. While he was a man of a limited education he made the Bible the one book of his study and exercising an implicit faith in its teachings, having no doubt as to its authenticity, and acting upon its two

great commandments which it taught first, "to love the Lord thy God, & c. and thy neighbor as thy self." He was able to preach and teach his people to great advantage and was the instrument in the Master's hands in accomplishing much good in the name of Him whom he loved and so devoutly served. His zeal in his work combined with his great love for his people, led him to erect a very neat and comfortable Church on his own farm, defraying the greater part of the expense himself in order that the congregation of the community around might have a comfortable place in which to worship. He raised a family who never lost sight of the good and pious example set them by their father, and they are today among the best citizens of the county. The Church was very appropriately named after its founder, being called the Hardman Church, of Stone Coal.

Peter **SMITH** owned a good farm on Stone Coal. He was the son of one of the first settlers of the county and was one of seven brothers, all of whom settled on the waters of Stone Coal Creek. Mr. **SMITH** was a very industrious, hard-working man, enterprising and energetic. He accumulated a fine property and was well respected in the community in which he lived. He raised a large family.

Henry and John **CURTIS** were brothers and among the first settlers of Stone Coal. They, like all the early pioneers of the county, were of a sturdy, hardy race, well adapted for the times and skilled in the use of the ax, grubbing hoe, maul and wedge. They, too, raised large families, some of whom have been called by their fellow citizens to fill some of the very responsible offices of the county, and to their honor be it said, they reflected great credit to themselves and honor to their friends.

Peter **LORENTZ** owned one among the finest farms on Stone Coal. He was a son of 'Squire Jacob **LORENTZ** of whom mention has been made in those sketches. Mr. **LORENTZ** was a very tall, well proportioned, fine looking man. He carried on farming and grazing to a very large extent. The writer very well remembers passing along the road through his fine farm on the 20th day of June, 1844 and counting some thirty or forty head of the finest four-year-old steers he had ever seen. Mr. **LORENTZ** was a fine farmer and kept a way-side inn for the accommodation of the traveling public and he dealt out his hospitality with a lavish hand. He was a very influential man, a good neighbor, and an excellent citizen.

Mark **HERSMAN** owned a farm on the waters of Stone Coal and was a man noted for his great physical powers, being one of the stoutest men in the community; kind, good natured and industrious, but when he became angry the object of the wrath had to look out and stand from under, for he was as stout as a Peter **FRANCISCO** and as fearless as an Ethan Allen. His sons and daughters, numbering some seven or eight, were all very large and robust. The descendants of "Uncle" Mark **HERSMAN** are scattered all over the State of West Virginia. He lived to a good old age.

John **YOKE** owned a farm on the waters of Stone Coal. Mr. **YOKE** was a large, portly, fine looking man, very conscientious, a man of great influence in the community in which he lived. He was an exhorter in the M. P. Church and was very zealous in the cause of religion and a very useful man in the community. He was a good citizen, and was greatly missed when called from time to eternity. He had a large family

of sons and daughters who grew up to be useful, honorable and enterprising citizens, filling honorable and responsible official positions.

Martin **SMITH** owned a very fine and valuable farm on the Stone Coal waters, adjoining the lands of Mr. Perry **LORENTZ**. Mr. **SMITH** was one of the enterprising and progressive farmers of his day. He had erected one of the finest frame dwellings there was in the county at that time. He also owned a large and valuable farm on the head waters of Smith's Run, a branch of the Stone Coal and combined grazing to a considerable extent with his farming. He was one of those large-hearted, kind and benevolent persons that are so useful and helpful in building up and developing a new country having a kind and encouraging word for everyone he met and always willing and ready to extend a helping hand to those who needed assistance. Being in good circumstances and full-handed he gave employment to a goodly number of men, who were needing work that they might supply the wants of those who were dependent upon them for a support. Mr. **SMITH** was a good citizen, an honest and upright man in all his dealings. He lived to a ripe old age and left two sons and one daughter behind him, all of whom have since followed him to "that borne from whence no traveler returns."

James **WILSON** owned and resided on a good farm on Stone Coal. Mr. **WILSON** was of a family which was noted for their "largeness." I knew personally four brothers whose combined weight was one thousand pounds. Mr. James **WILSON** was noted all over the county for his kind and social demeanor towards every one whom he met. He was a great Democrat and quite a politician for his

day. He was a successful farmer and had accumulated nice property. He was a very useful man in the community, raised a large family of sons who are now good and useful citizens.

Benjamin TAYLOR owned and resided on a fine and productive farm just above where the little village of Gaston now stands. Mr. TAYLOR was one of those industrious, saving and frugal men, attending strictly to his own affairs living in peace with all his neighbors, having a good farm and knowing how to manage it to the best advantage he prospered and was in independent circumstances and was thereby content, raised a large family, the most of whom were girls. Mr. Marshall TAYLOR, one of his sons, still owns and occupies a part of the old homestead and his daughters the residue no part of it having passed out of the hands of the family.

We now come to the large and fertile farm of Mr. Jacob BUSH, a descendant of one of the old pioneers of the Stone coal. Mr. BUSH was considered to be, and was one of the wealthiest and most prosperous farmers of the county in the year 1844, one of the most liberal, accommodating and jovial men on the waters of Stone Coal. He was a very self-reliant man. -- a man of little or no education so far as deriving it from books was concerned, but in the art of farming and trading he was far advanced. Being of a very confiding nature, when he once became a man's friend his confidence in him was so strong and tenacious that it was very hard to shake. He would make almost any sacrifice for the man whom he considered his friend, the result of which was that he was out of a great amount of money at various times in his life by his would be friends, but his confidence in mankind was hard to

destroy. Kind and generous to a fault, but when aroused by an unkindness or an insult he was ready to resent it with blows if necessary, and though small in stature, he was every inch a man. To illustrate his courage under trying circumstances, I will relate a circumstance that occurred between him and a very large young man who was a new comer to the county, a John L. Sullivan sort of a man. They met at a log rolling. The young man was boasting of his physical powers, what he could do, how many men he had whipped, & c. Mr. BUSH become tired of his boasting and told him so, when the young man challenged him to step out and he would show him what he could do with him, where-upon he whaled away with his handspike and felled him to the ground. When asked by some of the bystanders why he used the handspike, he replied that he thought there was the difference of a handspike between them. Mr. BUSH was a kind, neighbor and a good citizen. He raised a large family. His sons are now residing on a part of the old homestead and are prosperous farmers and No. 1 citizens. Next, we come to the fine, large and productive farm of the Hon. Jacob J. JACKSON. lying on the waters of Stone Coal and Hilly Upland Run, containing something near one thousand acres. Maj. JACKSON was one of the leading citizens of the county, having acquired by his industry and perseverance in his younger days a much better education than the majority of the young men of his day, and this combined with a strong, natural and vigorous intellect rendered him a leader both in political and civil matters. He belonged to the old Jeffersonian Democracy. Prior to the year 1844 he was elected to the Legislature of the State of Virginia and made a good representative, watching

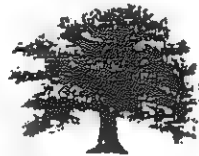
and guarding well the interests of the county. He was both a farmer and grazer. Maj. JACKSON was a fine looking man, being over six feet tall, well proportioned and made a very fine appearance. As a field officer he was a kind, charitable Christian gentleman being a man of ample means to give employment to a great many poor men he paid them well for their work. He was a very zealous member of the M. P. Church and when he was called from earth the Church lost one of its most useful and efficient members and the community one of her most valuable citizens. He was married to his second wife, leaving a family of three children; one son and two daughters by his first wife and two sons and two daughters by his second, some of whom have since been called to follow him to the spirit. The good man ceases from his labor, but his works do follow him.

Next comes Geo. R. JACKSON, a brother of Jacob J., whose farm adjoined. He was a very excellent citizen, a very zealous Christian gentleman, a good and kind neighbor and an influential man, taking a great interest in the development of the country and looking well after the moral training of the young and rising generation. He combined teaching with his farm work during the spring, summer and fall and teaching school during the winter months. He was well adapted by nature for the calling, being a very kind and patient man and taking a great interest in the training and expansion of the young minds of his pupils. It was a pleasure to him to teach and of great benefit to those whom he taught. He left a large family of sons and daughters, the majority of whom have been called away by death and the others have left the State to seek their fortunes in the wild, growing West.

An Old Citizen

(to be continued)

"Family Tree"



submitted by Lynn DEMAS - Author unknown

I climbed my family tree and found it wasn't worth the climb,
and so I scampered down, convinced it was a waste of time.

Some branches of my tree, I found, were rotten to the core,
and the tree was full of saps, and hung with nuts galore!

I used to brag of my kinfolk - that was before I made the climb;
but truth compels me not to tell of those not worth a dime.

My friends who boast aloud of their ancestors great,
I beg you to climb your tree and learn of those who weren't so straight!

I've learned what family trees are like; I've seen them growing around.
They're like a tater vine because the best are underground.



ROOTS, BRANCHES AND LEAVES

One of the big benefits to HCPD members is being able to submit queries for publication in this, the quarterly *HC Journal*, and get questions out to the entire HCPD membership and beyond. When drafting queries, include WHO it is you are searching for information on, WHAT it is you know, WHAT you don't know, WHEN all this was taking place, and WHERE it took place (including the county is very important). Send your queries to the Library, or to Perry Brake, 5416 60th Ave Ct W, Tacoma, WA 98467, or PudlJumper@aol.com. Be sure to include your postal address so members can reply. *Ed.*

1. **BENNETT/STUMP.** Searching for any information on this family: Nancy **BENNETT** b. Jan 17, 1807, Gilmer Co, V/WV married George **STUMP** b. Aug 27, 1797, s/o Michael and Magdalene **RICHARDS STUMP** in 1834 Lewis Co (now Calhoun Co) V/WV. Who are Nancy's parents and siblings? What are the death dates for this couple? Why is it so little information is written on this family? Is the rumor true that she may have been Native American? What is the big mystery surrounding this family? Any help will be appreciated. Please reply to Joyce **SIMMONS**, 3535 W. Monte Cristo 127A, Phoenix, AZ 85053 or email Jls1149@uswest.net.
2. Ezekial **ASHCRAFT**, born Apr 21 1799 in Marion Co WV and Died June 15 1880 in Harrison Co, WV, was married to Sara Jane **NAY** (born 1789 in VA) and had 9 children. One child, Zachariah, born abt 1829 in Harrison Co WV married Mary Ann **GREY** (last name?) Dec 19, 1854 in Marion Co WV and had one son, William Ferdinand, born Jan 1, 1856 in Harrison Co WV. William Ferdinand married Mahala **WINEMILLER** in 1878 in Harrison Co WV. It does not seem logical that in those days William F. was an only child. I would like any info about the lives of these people, especially Zachariah and Mary Ann and their son, William F. Mahala **WINEMILLER** and William Ferdinand **ASHCRAFT** are my grandparents. Please reply to Jane **WOOFER**, 2302 Hamill Ave, Clarksburg, WV 26301 or by e-mail to jpwroof@iolinc.net.
3. I am searching for information on Robert **CLARK**, who married Betty **TOWNSEND**. They had a daughter named Vesta Susan **CLARK**, born 1883 and died 1946. I am not sure where they lived, but I think it was around Orlando, WV. I would appreciate any other information on Robert or Betty, or any of their other children if they had any. Any information would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Jennifer **BELT**, 289 Rada Ave., Weston, WV 26452 or email JSB975@aol.com.
4. I am searching for information on Silas **BELT**'s family. He was born August 7, 1864, and died January 2, 1914, in Marion County, WV. He was married to Rowan **TANNER** around 1885 and they had 6 children. Rowan was born November 9, 1866, in Wirt County, WV and she died January 27, 1947, in Marion County, WV and I believe is buried in the Woodlawn Cemetery in Marion County, WV. Their children's names are Myrtle **BELT**, who was married to Orie **SHAKELFORD**, Sr., Goldie **BELT**, who was married to James **BARTHOLOW**, Carl **BELT** who was married to Dexter **TRIPLET**, Dorsey **BELT** who was married to Clara **PHILLIPS**, Roland **BELT** who was married to Agnes **BLAKE** (my line), Iva or Ive **BELT** who was married to ____? I would like to have information on their children and grandchildren. Some might still be around Marion

County, WV. Please contact Jennifer **BELT** 289 Rada Ave., Weston, WV 26452 or email JSB975@aol.com.

5. I am looking for the parents/family of my gggrandfather Theophilis **LAWLESS**, b. c1816 VA (this information from the 1850 Smith Co., TX census). He married June 20, 1853, Harrison Co., TX, Felistes **CAMP** (d/o Littleberry **CAMP** and Elizabeth **STEPHENSON**), b. 1828/29 GA (same 1850 census says ILL). Felistes (**CAMP**) **LAWLESS** died Jan 4, 1853, Theophilis died Jan 22, 1853. Their children, George Washington **LAWLESS**, b. Jan 6, 1845, (LA), Warren Montgomery, b. May 18, 1846 (LA), Elizabeth Matilda (my ggrandmother), b. Feb. 1, 1848 (LA), Marion Hamilton, b. Mar 6, 1850. These children were raised by their maternal grandfather, Littleberry **CAMP** and his 2nd wife, Nancy **KIRKPATRICK** who he m. in 1850. They moved to Atascosa Co. TX, and the **LAWLESS** children are found in the 1860 census of that county. Please reply to Dorothy **SIPE**, P.O. Box 2594, Stillwater, OK 74076, or by e-mail to Dotsipe@aol.com.

6. **GROVES**, John, b. 1813 in Hardy Co., VA, son of Fanny **MARQUIS** and Solomon H. **GROVES**, first married Mary **SHROUT**, b. bet. 1814 - 1824. Their children were Mary Elizabeth b: 1834; Fanny Francis b: 1837 m. Wellen, De Witt **CLINTON**, b. May 20, 1844; James Heiskell, b. October 1838; Ann Rebecca, b. 1842, m. Francis M. **DENNISON**; John Sanford, b. October 1844; Selden Harness, b. 1846, m. Amanda **RIFFLE**, b. 1847; Estiline, b. June 1848, m. John D. **WELLEN** (second wife), b. May 17, 1848. John (his brother Gen. George Washington, wife Rachael **COSNER**) and his second wife Sarah (maybe **RIFFLE**?) migrated to Jacksonville, Lewis County, WV area about 1857-1858. Their daughter Nancy and George Washington's son, Samuel Brooks, were probably born in Lewis County in 1858. I know that some of John and Mary **SHROUT**'s (1st wife) children migrated with him. The second wife of John **GROVES** (b. 1813) was Sarah **RIFFLE**(?), b. 1812; daughters Margaret Virginia, b. December 1851, Nancy, b. May 1858, m. Francis M. **DENNISON**. I would like to find their spouses' names and descendants. I am particularly interested in James Heiskell, Nancy, Mary Elizabeth and John Sanford **GROVES**. Mary, John and James may have continued to migrate westward. I find no further reference to them in Hardy or Grant County. Please contact Darrell W. **GROVES**, 107 Northwood Hollow Ct., Amherst, Ohio 44001 or by e-mail to kdwgroves@yahoo.com.

7. Looking for the parents and birth date of Thomas Burr **KITTLE**, Sr. of Randolph County (W)VA. He married Pheba Ellen **PHILLIPS** Nov 1, 1838, I believe in Randolph County. Any assistance would be appreciated. Please contact Freda **BLAKE BRADLEY**, 1305 Lester Street Flatwoods, KY 41139 or by e-mail to fdb0127@aol.com.

8. Searching for information on the **McCARTY** family, Martin D. **McCARTY** who m. Matilda **SHIELDS**, from the Jackson Co., area. Martin b. abt 1819, Matilda 1816...they m. in 1855, Jackson Co. There was also a Jonas and George **McCARTY** connected to him and his parents were supposedly John and Sally **McCARTY**. Any information On these **McCARTYs** would be much appreciated. Matilda is my gr. gr. Grandmother. Please contact Jane **BOUCHER**, 406 Schoolhouse Rd., East Stroudsburg, Pa 18301, or e-mail bou@sunlink.net.

9. Searching for any information I can find on Jephtha **McGEE**, b. 2 July 1815 married to Elizabeth **KNOTTS** in Preston county in 1834, later moving to Jackson county (W)VA. At this time all I have are his name and date of birth. Any assistance is deeply appreciated. Please contact Freda **BLAKE BRADLEY**, 1305 Lester Street, Flatwoods, KY 41139 or by e-mail to fdb0127@aol.com.

10. Need help with my **MYERS** line. William B. **MYERS** b. 22 May 1799 Harrison Co. was m. 22 Dec 1819 Harrison Co. to Sarah **BINEGAR** the d/o Samuel **BINEGAR** and Judith **SMITH**. William and Sarah **MYERS** had the following children: Nancy b. 1820 m. William M. **LAWSON**, Jr.; John E. b. 1826 m. Sarah Jane **RINEHART** d/o Ashford **RINEHART**; Roanna b. 1830 m. Abram **HITZMAN**, Jr.; Sarah Jane b. 1833 m. Michael H. **WILLIAMS**; Judah Ann b. c 1837 m. Flavius **CUNNINGHAM**; Samuel B. b. 1840 m. 1) Millia A. **BLAKE** and 2) Almira **WOOD**; Henry T. b. 1842 died age 22; Rosa birth date unknown, m. ____ **LOWTHER**; and William Porter b. 1850 m. Virginia Ellen **MULLINAX**. The death certificate for William B. **MYERS** filled out by his son, Samuel B. in Braxton Co., states that the parents of William were Henry and Elizabeth **MYERS**. So who were they and where did they come from? In the early charter of Clarksburg, dated ca. 1785, a John **MYERS** is listed. There was a Henry **MYERS** listed in the Revolutionary War veterans of WV. The 1785 tax list for Harrison Co. shows a John **MYARS**. The 1810 Harrison Co. census shows 4 **MYERS** households:

MYERS, Barnett 1 M over 45 1 F over 45

MYERS, Abram 1 M 0-10, 1 M 26-45 2 F 0-10, 1 F 10-16, 1 F 26-45

MYERS, Henry 1 M 0-10, 1 M 10-16, 1 M 26-45 3 F 0-10, 1 F 26-45

MYERS, John 1 M 0-10, 1 M 10-16, 1 M 16-25, 1 M over 45 1 F 26-45 1 F over 45

Abram **MYERS** d. 1821 age 45 is buried at **MYERS** Cemetery, Union Dist., Harrison Co. This cemetery is close to the ME Church. Date of death would place his b. ca. 1776 and would fit with the census above. However, the 1820 Harrison Co. census shows a A (?) **MYERS** over age 45 with family, so this must be two different people. William and Sarah **BINEGAR MYERS** lived most of their married lives in Braxton Co. as did some of their children. There is also a 6 yr. spread between their 1st and 2nd children. I am the 3g granddaughter of this couple through their daughter Nancy **MYERS** and William M. **LAWSON**, Jr. Any help from any of the above mentioned surnames would be helpful. Please reply to Melinda **COLLINS LARSON**, 330 W 60th G, Clarendon Hills, IL 60514 or by e-mail to MLarson101@aol.com.

11. Allen **PHILLIPS** was my great-great-grandfather and enumerated in the 1850 Randolph County Census with his father, William (51), his mother, Susanna (49) and siblings that include: Jackson, Henry G., Mary, William S., Moses, Hiram, Lamira, Dannira, Artesmisa and Cinderilla. This can be documented. It would make his father William born about 1799 and his mother Susanna born 1801. Are these two people the William **PHILLIPS** that married Susanna **CLARK** in 1819? If so, the siblings don't match what Don **NORMAN** has listed in his files. Can someone out there shed some light on this? Allen married Rachel **CROSS**, daughter of Barton Howerton **CROSS** and Deborah Ann **MOORE**. They married sometime before 1852 because that's when my great-grandfather, Abram Hiram **PHILLIPS** was born. One of Abram's sisters, Deborah Ann **PHILLIPS DELAUDER** is listed in the Barbour County book of deaths on page 146, as dying on 30 May 1894 of consumption at age 40 years. Also stating that she was

born in Barbour County and her parents were Allen and Rachel. Her death was reported by her husband Barton Cross **DELAUDER**. So, this too can be substantiated. We know that Allen existed in the 1850 Randolph County census and that he had at least one child born in Barbour County in 1854 and that he was married to Rachel **CROSS** some time before 1852. Where did he go? There is no record of Allen and Rachel anymore. There are no listings in Randolph, Barbour or Tucker counties. Does anyone know where Allen **PHILLIPS** went OR what happened to his parents William and Susanna **PHILLIPS**? Or to any of his siblings? Those siblings have some very unusual names...Artesmia? Lamira? Cinderilla? Dannira? Henry G. and William S.? Where did these **PHILLIPS** descendants go? Are there any descendants of these siblings out there in HCPD-land? This is the question that has my entire **PHILLIPS** line stumped. *Where did Allen **PHILLIPS** and his line disappear to?* Any help, no matter how minuscule would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Pam **REPP**, 1405 Shelton Avenue, Nashville, TN 37216 or by e-mail to pamfamilygenie@aol.com.

12. Looking for people who may be descendents of Solomon **REESE**, born 1795 in Virginia, died 1861 in Buckhannon, Upshur Co., WV. His father, Johannes **RIES**, was a Hessian soldier in the Revolutionary War. Solomon married Elizabeth **FLYNCHBOUGH** from Pennsylvania. Had one daughter, Mary Elizabeth, born 1834, died 1903. She was my great grandmother. Please respond to Sue **NEFF**, 6319 Sundance Trail, Brighton, MI 48116-7753, or by e-mail to ericneff@ismi.net.

13. I am researching Watson R. **REYNOLDS**, born 1808 in Augusta Co., VA but came to Upshur County, W(VA), Little Peck's Run in 1842. Had eight children. Should be kin in the area, two married into **ROHR** family. Would like to know more about him and his descendents. Please respond to Sue **NEFF**, 6319 Sundance Trail, Brighton, MI 48116-7753, or by e-mail to ericneff@ismi.net.

14. I am looking for anyone with information on the family of Francis **RIFFLE**, his wife Eleanor -?- and their descendants. Francis is said to be a brother of Jacob **RIFFLE** Sr. (1725-1816). Francis died in 1781 during an Indian massacre in Randolph Co. in the present area of Huttonsville. According to the 1782 Monongalia Co. and 1789 Harrison Co. Tax Lists, an Eleanor **RIFFLE** is shown as having a total of 7 whites in the household. Later, Francis' widow and apparently one daughter moved to Kentucky from the Monongalia/Randolph/Harrison county area (easier to identify it as the Tygart Valley) sometime after his death. It is not yet known, by me if Eleanor ever returned to Virginia/West Virginia, but it seems she and her daughter, Catherine, were there until at least 1794 as the following was found in Bourbon Co., KY and transcribed:

Bourbon County to Wit

*I do hereby certify that I am willing for my daughter Caty **RAFLE** to join in wedlock bonds with Paul **SHAVER** given under my hand the 23 day of May 1794. her*

*Wm. Price Elender X **RIFLE** mark*

Catherine and Paul **SHAVER** had five known children including John who was born 1797 in KY. At some point he returned to VA/WV where he married and had a family. There is also question as to whether this same Catherine may have been married to a Mr. **TANNER** and had his son, Edward **TANNER** in 1791 in KY. He married, had a

family and died in 1865 in Indiana. There were families by the name of **TANNER** living in the Harrison Co., VA area during the time Catherine and her mother departed to KY. By comparing the "two" Catherine **RIFFLEs**, there are some similarities that would lead a researcher to think they could be one in the same. For example, the Catherine married to Mr. **TANNER** died in 1845 in Indiana and the Catherine married to Paul **SHAVER** died between 1840-1850, but I do not know where, not to mention the location of Bourbon Co., KY coming up when "both" women's early timelines are examined.

Additionally, if you have any information on any of Francis and Eleanor's other children I would appreciate that. I would like to confirm the names of their children. I have them as: Susan **RIFFLE** m. Peter **SHAVER**; Jacob **RIFFLE** m. Elizabeth **PETROS**; Peter **RIFFLE** m. Nancy **WILLIAMS**; Catherine **RIFFLE** m. Paul **SHAVER**; John **RIFFLE** m. Amanda **McCLAIN**; Francis **RIFFLE** m. Suzanne **McHUE**. There is a possibility that there could also be a son George **RIFFLE** m. Nancy **RIDER**, but this needs confirmation as do the others. Any help on this family would be greatly appreciated! Please contact me Cindy **ETHIER-KOSTKA**, 12 Montello St. Ext., Brockton, MA 02301-7101 or email JCCEKOST@aol.com.

15. **ROLLINS**. Seeking others doing research on the **ROLLINS** family. Lemuel **ROLLINS**, born 1823 in Virginia, married and died in Upshur Co. His son Philip **ROLLINS**, my grandfather, died (according to court house records) "instantly" in 1900 at age 30. Would like to know what caused his death. I have some info back to Paul **RAWLINGS** in London, England and would be glad to share. Please contact Sue **NEFF** at 6319 Sundance Trail, Brighton, MI. 48116. or e-mail ericneff@ismi.net.

16 Does anyone have information on Floyd **SLAUGHTER** (ca 1882 - June 6, 1961, Upshur Co., WV) who married Hattie (**LANHAM**) **ROHRBAUGH** in Buckhannon (Upshur Co.) Dec. 12, 1922? They might have divorced in the 1920's, but don't know when Floyd's wife died or where she's buried. Floyd reportedly was the s/o Jeff and Lucinda **SLAUGHTER**. Hattie was the daughter of Jasper **LANHAM** and Sarah (**RADABAUGH**) **LANHAM COFFMAN MOWERY**. Any help on Floyd and Hattie's life after they married in 1922 would be appreciated. Hattie was still alive in Nov. 1923 and living in Buckhannon. Please contact Jerry **COFFMAN**, 555 SE 6th Ave., #8-G, Delray Beach, FL 33483 or e-mail jcoffman@pb.seflin.org.

17. Would like to contact anyone working on the line John **ARNOLD**/Elizabeth **ASHBY**. Elizabeth **ASHBY**, bn 1769, d/o William Wilton **ASHBY** and Sarah **WILLIAMS**. John **ARNOLD**, born c 1765, s/o Moses **ARNOLD** and Sarah **TIMMONS** (Fauquier/Hardy Co, VA). Lived in Preston Co (W)VA (Terra Alta area) and Garrett Co, MD. Their children are: Sarah bn 1793; Moses (1795-1885), married 1821 Monongalia Co (W)VA to Mary Ann **MORGAN** (1801-1835, d/o David **MORGAN**), moved to OH/IA; Rebecca, bn 1797; William (1799-1865), married 1820 Allegany Co Md to Elizabeth **SHARPLESS/SHARPS** (1802-1869, d/o David & Margaret **SHARPLESS/SHARPS**), lived in Garrett Co MD; Winnifred, bn 1801; John bn 1803; Betty bn 1804 (possibly married to Joseph **FRIEND**, moved to OH); Hannah, bn 1807 d. 1807. Please contact Judy **JENNINGS**, 1079 Swigart Rd, Barberton, OH 44203 or e-mail judithjennings@email.msn.com.

18. I am looking for information on Jacob M. **HYRE** and Malinda **HEAVNER**. They show up in the 1850 Lewis County, W(VA) census as having the following family members: Mary E., Jonathan M., David N., Jacob E., and Margaret J. They show up in the 1860 McLeod County, Illinois census, and I couldn't find them anywhere in the 1970 census. If anybody has any information on this pair, please contact Louise **SLATON**, 2166 Ruffner Road, Birmingham, AL 35210-3908.

19. I'm trying to find the family of my 2nd g grandmother, Phebe **DAVIS** who was born 1822. She m. Wm. Johnson **ARNOLD** in Apr. 1841 in Harrison Co., WV. They lived most of their lives in Upshur and Harrison Co., where their 10 children were born. Phebe and Johnson moved to Kansas (Jewell or Crawford Co) in the 1870's along with 5 of their children. Johnson d. 2 Oct 1891 and Phebe d. 21 Feb 1895 (sure) probably in Kansas. I have no idea who her parents or sibs were. Please reply to Karen **LOLMAUGH**, 2204 Pyramid Way, Sacramento, CA 95821 or by e-mail to Lesloma@aol.com.

20. I am searching for the death date of Edward R. **RIFFLE** born 1840 in VA. and his wife Eliza **CONRAD RIFFLE**. They were married in Braxton Co., WV and raised their family there.

Also looking for documentation of connection of sons James J. **RIFFLE** born 1861 and John **RIFFLE** born Nov 1, 1865. John may be John B. who was found with Laura **VanKIRK** and children: Ora E., born 1891; Mamie A., born 1893; and Ednie, born 1900. I would like to know if this is or is not the correct John. Any help would be appreciated. Thanks. Please contact Ronda **RIFFLE** 13610 Bermuda Dunes Ct, Houston, TX 77069 or by e-mail to RIFFLE34@aol.com.

21. I descend from Absalom and Susan **ROBINSON RIFFLE**. I would like to trace the following children of this couple:

Phebe **RIFFLE** born abt 1833.

Henry **RIFFLE** born abt 1835.

John D. **RIFFLE** born abt 1835 married Amanda **CONRAD**.

Edward R. **RIFFLE** born abt 1840 married Eliza **CONRAD** (my line).

Issac **RIFFLE** born abt 1841.

Mary Jane **RIFFLE**, b abt 1845-1918 married Ballard **BLAKE**.

Rebecca Ann born abt 1847 married a **WINE??**

Benjamin Franklin **RIFFLE** born abt 1849 married Gracie **CONRAD?**

Nancy L. **RIFFLE** born abt 1854.

If you are researching any of these lines, I would love to hear from you. Please contact Ronda **RIFFLE** 13610 Bermuda Dunes Ct, Houston, TX 77069 or by e-mail to RIFFLE34@aol.com.

22. **GARDNER, GREENWALT, DORSEY, HOLCOMB**. I am seeking a connection or anyone researching any of these names. **GARDNER** and **GREENWALT/GREENWALL** are Berryville, VA, surnames. The others are from Nicholas County, WV. Vocie **HOLCOMB**, d/o Clark **HOLCOMB** (b 1872) and Rebecca **DORSEY** (b 1869). All were born in Nicholas County. Vocie married Jesse **GARDNER**, b 1879, s/o Alfred and Mary Ann

GREENWALT/GREENWALL) GARDNER. Jesse was born in Berryville, VA. These are ancestors of my aunt-by-marriage. Any help appreciated. Please reply to Joy **STALNAKER** at 23 Abbott's Run Road, Horner, WV 26372 or by e-mail to hcpd@access.mountain.net.

HCPD Comes Through Again!

Member Charlotte **FLEMING** intercepted a query from a Harrison County e-mail list and recognizing surnames of interest to HCPD, she posted it on the HCPD-List. Thanks to Charlotte and the HCPD members who responded to the query, once again we are proven to be an effective and fruitful source of family history information. Here is Kimberley's message of gratitude to Charlotte...

"I am so happy! Just from my e-mail to you, I've had 7 e-mails in return and have already found some information that I didn't have! All this in less than 24 hours! Thank you for your help. I am overwhelmed at how helpful you and your associates are!"

Kimberlee J. ROTHWELL

And after reading her first copy of the *Journal*, new member Joan Williams had this to say...

*Found a whole section in this first issue (the Elijah/Prudence **ARNOLD** part) that fill out umpteen blank spaces for our Thomas Bland **EDMISTON** and his wife, Mary **ARNOLD**. This is one great outfit to belong to...lots of help, advice, information and loads of fun to read about new programs, etc. Wish every investment I ever made paid off this well!*

Joan WILLIAMS

The "Redman" Depredations

*Submitted by Cara **PLUMB MILLER***



The "Redmen" were a gang of outlaws who terrorized Barbour County, West Virginia in the years following the Civil War. Meadowville and Belington, two towns specifically mentioned in this article, are southeast of Philippi. The author of this writing is unknown as is the date it was written.

Ed.

This organization, which flourished during the period of the 1880's, is not identified with the present Redman Order. Its activities were confined to the regions between Meadowville and Belington with their rendezvous or meeting place at the old Sugar Creek Schoolhouse (which is still standing).

Their purpose was supposed to be law and order, but its leadership was considered in general as a "lawless" outfit, and no good citizen felt secure in his home, as any small excuse from a member was sufficient excuse to deal with the accused. It developed

into a band of mail robbers and a band of counterfeiterers who were spawned within the organization. It was true that quite a few members were from among the better class of citizens, but as a whole they were a bunch of terrorists.

Property was destroyed and at least one unsolved murders was laid at its door. A man by the name of **SHELTON** was called from his home on Wolfe Run and was never seen afterwards. There were also said to be other mysterious disappearances until the organization finally disbanded.

Salathill **CROSS** was taken from his home, tied to a large poplar snag on Mud Gut and treated to a severe beating. The fact that he shielded his body in a depression in the snag saved his life. The hickory switch used in whipping him left fragments in the soft wood that could be seen months afterwards.

Newton **PHILLIPS** of Meadowville was treated to a severe beating between the Meadowville schoolhouse and Henry **HARRIS** farm. Josiah **CROSS** was likewise whipped in the Stringtown section, near Belington. Sam **RUCKER** was whipped between the Meadowville schoolhouse and Henry **HARRIS** farm. They met violence when they went to administer punishment to Marion **WEESE**. They were greeted with bullets from a good marksman. Al **PRICE** was shot when he passed a "port hole." The bullet passed through a knot which was tied in a garment he wore. The bullet struck his stomach, burning him so as to cause him a lot of pain. Price, thinking that he was mortally wounded, begged his companions to kill him as they fled from the scene. Hot lead was too much for them and **WEESE** escaped being whipped.

The next few nights they proceeded to the home of Chris **TUSING** in the Laurel Hill region, but **TUSING** had been warned of their coming and prepared a veritable fortress in his house by setting split slabs around the walls with a porthole arranged at suitable places. When the Redmen attacked they were met with bullets. **TUSING'S** wife loaded the rifles while he did the shooting. Lewis **HARRIS** and Jerry **BOOTH** were shot seriously as they passed the portholes. Adam **COONTZ, Jr.** was shot as he attempted to cut a hole through the roof, while two others were less seriously wounded. The Redmen retired to lick their wounds and carry the wounded men away. Some weeks later some of the Redman returned to **TUSINGS**, broke in the door and wounded **TUSING's** wife and child as they lay in bed, but they had missed **TUSING** himself, who sprang from the bed, rifle in hand, but they had escaped into the night. But, they had to recognize the fact that Marion **WEESE** and Chris **TUSING** never carried any welts from a Redman beating.

The story is told of Jas. **RAMSEY, Jr.**, just a lad of probably 14 at the time, who lived near the Sugar Creek School where the Redmen met. He had secreted himself in the attic to listen to their proceedings. In some way they discovered his presence. He was hauled from his hiding. They decided to kill him, but through the intervention of some relatives who belonged to the order, they decided to give him the Redman oath with an admonishment that if he ever told anything it was death. Well, I guess he never attended any more meetings, nor did he ever divulge any secrets.

The Redmen who terrorized the countryside for years have all gone, but the stories of those days of terror are still recounted.

Submitted by Cara PLUMB MILLER



WILLIAM G. BENNETT

1775 -1857

This article is extracted from an original copy of *"History of West Virginia and Its People,"* by Thomas Condit MILLER and Hu MAXWELL, published in New York by the Lewis Historical Publishing Company in 1913. This Volume includes biographical sketches on many prominent families who played an important part in settling and developing north central West Virginia.

Editorial Staff

With the settlement and development of every new country there are always men of superior intellect and business training, who take a deserved place as leaders, some in one role, some in another, but as a rule the ancestry of such men has had a large part in shaping the destinies of such characters and leaders. The BENNETT family is no exception to such a rule. Its early ancestors were from England and were possessed of the sterling traits of character found in many of the English who first settled the United States, before, during, and after the formation of the federation of states.

(I) Joseph BENNETT, the first of the line here under consideration, was born in New Jersey, his father having emigrated (it is believed) from London, England, and served with General PADDOCK. Later he settled in Pendleton County, Virginia, where he died.

(II) William, son of Joseph BENNETT, was born in Pendleton County, Virginia, 1775, died in 1857. In 1797 he purchased land in Lewis County from George Jackson. He married Rebecca, daughter of James McCALLY (or McCAULEY), an ex-captain in the British marine who resigned to join the colonists in the revolutionary war, and who lived the latter part of his life with William BENNETT, and he and his estimable wife were buried on the old farm. William BENNETT came to Lewis County in 1797, became prominent, and served on the first grand jury ever empaneled in the county.

(III) Jonathan McCally, youngest child of William and Rebecca (McCALLY) BENNETT, was born in Lewis County, West Virginia, October 4, 1816, died October 28, 1887. After obtaining such schooling as the locality and times afforded, he was appointed deputy to the county clerk, and was afterwards a deputy sheriff of his county. He finished his education by a wide range of reading. He studied law and in 1843 was admitted to the bar. He became the first prosecuting attorney of Gilmer County. He formed partnership with Gideon D. CAMDEN, who later was a member of the legislature, judge, and candidate for the United States senate, but was defeated. This partnership continued until 1852, when Mr. CAMDEN was elevated to the bench. In 1846 Mr. BENNETT was elected first mayor of Weston. In 1852 he was elected to the legislature, taking the seat vacated by his partner, Mr. CAMDEN. When his term expired he was appointed auditor of public accounts for the state by Governor Wise, which responsible position he held until 1865, making an enviable record as an official. To Mr. BENNETT is largely due the fact that Weston is the site of the Hospital

for the Insane. In 1853 he was defeated for nomination for congress on the Democratic ticket by only a small margin. At the outbreak of the civil war he was in Richmond, being then auditor of the State of Virginia, and continued as such until the close of the war. It had been his distinction to be instrumental in securing the appointment of "Stonewall" JACKSON to cadetship at West Point, and also to the position of brigadier-general in the Confederate States army, and General JACKSON tendered him a position on his staff.

Returning to Weston he resumed his law practice, was elected a member of the state senate, and was one of the commissioners appointed to negotiate with Virginia relative to the division of the state debt, preparing the most comprehensive review of the subject which has ever been made. He was president of the Weston & Buckhannon railroad, and held with credit many prominent positions of trust and honor in the old and new state. He was an Odd Fellow of high rank.

Mr. BENNETT married Margaret Elizabeth, daughter of Captain George W. JACKSON, who was born February 9, 1791, died in Lewis County in 1876, a soldier of the war of 1812, who was appointed first lieutenant of the Nineteenth Regiment of Infantry, United States army, by President James MADISON, on July 6, 1812, and later attained the rank of captain. His father, George JACKSON, was a member of the Virginia convention which adopted the federal constitution. He was also for years a member of congress from Virginia, and a member at the time of the BURR and JEFFERSON contest for the presidency. Captain George W. JACKSON was a brother of John G. JACKSON, first United States district judge for the western district of Virginia, whose first wife was a sister of Dolly MADISON, and his marriage was the first ever celebrated in the White House. His second wife was a daughter of Postmaster-General MEIGS of Ohio, and also governor of that state. Two sons and two daughters were born to Jonathan McCALLY and Margaret E. BENNETT: 1. Gertrude, wife of Dr. Fleming HOWELL, of Clarksburg, noted physician and author, a graduate in 1879 from Long Island College, Brooklyn, New York; has served as an officer in the County, state and national medical associations and societies. 2. Mary Lee, wife of Hon. William D. BOWE, of Baltimore, Maryland, a son of the late Governor BOWE, and an ex-member of the state senate. 3-4. William George and Louis, of whom further mention is made.

(IV) Hon. William George BENNETT, ex-judge, and a large land owner in this section of West Virginia, son of Jonathan McCally and Margaret Elizabeth (JACKSON) BENNETT, was born January 5, 1847, at Weston, West Virginia. Judge BENNETT obtained his early education under private tutorship and at private schools in Richmond, Virginia. In 1866 he graduated from the Virginia Military Institute. During his sojourn there he saw something of the civil war. He participated in the battle of New Market, witnessed the engagements about Lynchburg, and was on the firing line when Brigadier General HUNTER destroyed the Institute buildings.

He graduated from the law department of the University of Virginia in 1869 with the degree of LL.B. He was the first member and first presiding officer of the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity, president of the first congress of the same, and assisted in organizing the University of Virginia Chapter, which still flourishes. He later organized a chapter in Weston. After graduating in law Judge Bennett came to Weston and established a very extensive legal practice in both criminal and civil branches. In his numerous criminal cases he has never had but one criminal convicted of felony whom he defended. He was elected circuit judge as a Democrat in a strong Republican district

in 1889 for the term of eight years, and reselected in 1898, retiring from the bench in January, 1906. As an evidence of its appreciation of a just judge, the bar presented him with a magnificent gold watch. He was defeated only by a small margin in 1892, when a candidate for governor of West Virginia. He was nominated by the Democratic party for justice of the state supreme court of appeal in 1900, and at the general election received a thousand more votes than any man on his ticket. In 1912 he was the nominee of his party for the same position. He was a delegate to the first Democratic state convention, and has attended every convention since then, and has been chairman of the Democratic state executive committee.

Judge **BENNETT** has been a successful business man as well as a successful lawyer. He was one of the promoters and organizers of the Clarksburg & Weston narrow gauge railroad, and one of its directors and its attorney for many years. He was also connected in like manner with the Weston & Buckhannon railroad. While yet a young lawyer he was on the State Board of Hospitals for the Insane, and was appointed commissioner to assess railroads for taxation.

Judge **BENNETT** is probably the largest owner of farm lands in Lewis County. He owns six farms comprising over two thousand acres, and his "Riverside Farm" is known throughout the entire country. He is an extensive breeder of fine blooded cattle and standard bred horses. He is a director of the American Association of Trotting Horse Breeders, and director of American Trotting Register Association. He enters his horses in the meets in West Virginia, Ohio, Kentucky and other states and at district races. While he still follows law practice his special delight is in horses. He owns a fine breeding and training farm at Beltsville, Maryland. He joined the Free and Accepted Masons at Weston in 1872, being a member of Weston Lodge, No. 10, and has held most of the offices in that body. He has been grand master of the Grand Lodge of West Virginia, grand high priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter, and grand commander of the Grand Commandery of West Virginia. William G. **BENNETT** Lodge, No. 46, of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, at Walkersville, West Virginia, was named after him. He is also a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

Judge **BENNETT** married, in 1872, Alice, daughter of the late Judge John **BRANNON**, of Weston, by whom six children were born: 1. John **BRANNON**, born April 13, 1873; educated at Episcopal high school, Alexandria, Virginia, attended Washington and Lee University and University of West Virginia; graduated in the law department of the last named University with the degree of LL.B., 1896, being admitted to the West Virginia bar the same year; is now in individual practice at Weston. 2. William George Jr., died when less than two years of age. 3. Hunter M., born November 30, 1876- graduated B. L. from University of Notre Dame, South Bend, Indiana, 1897, and after regaining his health graduated with the degree of LL.B. from the University of West Virginia, 1903, and was admitted to the state bar, is now practicing for himself at Weston. 4. William Bland, born September 10, 1883; educated at Fishburn Military Academy and at the Virginia Military Institute, now the active farmer of the Bennett family. 5. Margaret, educated at Female Seminary, Winchester, Virginia, and at Mrs. Reed's School, New York; is now the wife of Robert **CRAIN**, a Baltimore lawyer and a prominent Democratic politician. 6. Bertha, educated at Forest Glenn Seminary, Washington, D. C.; now the wife of T. T. **VANDERGIFT**, a large independent oil operator of Carlyle, Illinois.

Concerning the **BRANNON** family of which Mrs. **BENNETT** is a member, it may be stated: Alice (**BRANNON**) **BENNETT** is the daughter of Judge John **BRANNON**, of

Weston, by his wife, Amanda (**BLAND**) **BRANNON**. Mrs. **BENNETT'S** great-grandfather was a native of Ireland, and a soldier in the revolutionary war. Her grandfather, Robert **BRANNON**, born in Berkeley County, Virginia, was a soldier in the war of 1812, and married Catherine **COPENHOVER**, of Frederick County, Virginia, both dying at Winchester, Virginia, in 1851. Judge John **BRANNON** was educated at Winchester (Virginia) Academy, studied law there, and was admitted to the Winchester bar in 1846; a year later he located in Weston, West Virginia; he was a member of the legislature in 1852-56; member of state senate, 1856-61; initiated legislation creating Insane Hospital at Weston, elected circuit judge in 1872, serving until 1881. He was a brother of Judge Henry **BRANNON**, who was a judge of the supreme court of appeals of West Virginia for twenty-four years.

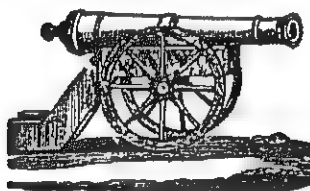
Amana (**BLAND**) **BRANNON**, wife of Judge **BRANNON**, was born in Harrison County, daughter of Thomas and Mary (**NEWLON**) **BLAND**. Thomas **BLAND** removed in 1817 to Lewis County, where he died in 1868. He was a member of the constitutional convention of Virginia; served under General Harrison in the war of 1812; was deputy sheriff and sheriff of Lewis County, West Virginia. His son, Dr. William J. **BLAND**, was his deputy sheriff at the age of seventeen years, and two years later entered the Medical College of Louisville, Kentucky, graduating in 1842; in 1843 began the practice of his profession at Weston, continuing until 1861, when he went to Richmond and was made surgeon of the Thirtyfirst Virginia Infantry, and later became chief surgeon of General William L. Jackson's cavalry brigade. He served during the entire civil war, except such time required at Richmond as member of the house of delegates. He resumed practice in Weston, continuing until 1892, when he removed to Clarksburg. From 1881 to 1889 he was superintendent of the Insane Hospital at Weston, and is an ex-president of the West Virginia State Medical Society.

(IV) Hon. Louis **BENNETT**, youngest son of Jonathan McCally and Margaret Elizabeth (**JACKSON**) **BENNETT**, was born at Weston, West Virginia, November 27, 1849. He attended the private and public schools of Weston and Richmond, Virginia, and was appointed a midshipman in the Confederate States navy in 1865. After the war he attended the Collegiate Preparatory School of Judge Richard **COLEMAN** at Fredericksburg, Virginia. Later he entered the University of Virginia, graduating there in law in 1871. He then accepted the private secretaryship of Professor Charles S. **LEWIS**, state superintendent of West Virginia free schools. He was committee clerk in the state senate and while there was appointed principal of the State Normal School at Glenville, West Virginia, which position he retained three years, resigning to take up the legal practice at Weston. But he abandoned this idea for a year to become principal of the Weston high school, having been appointed such without his solicitation or knowledge. He then took up law in earnest and soon acquired a large and successful practice, from which his other large and increasing business interests have in late years practically caused him to retire.

He was elected prosecuting attorney for Lewis County in 1880 and re-elected in 1884. In 1890 he was elected member of the West Virginia house of delegates as a Democrat, and was made its speaker in 1891. He has held many offices of trust and honor with signal credit, and has come to be looked upon as one of the leaders in the party of his choice in West Virginia. He has more than once been spoken of as the proper man for United States senator. In 1904 he was a Parker and Davis elector-at-large, and in 1908 the Democratic nominee for governor, but was defeated,

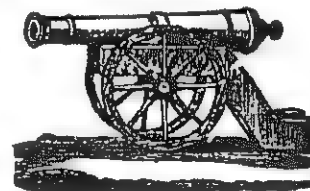
though he led his ticket by a large vote. He is among the largest landowners in the state and partly through his realty has derived a large fortune. He is also extensively interested in coal and in oil and gas wells, from which he realizes a handsome income. Always loyal to his home city and county he has ever taken a leading place in all that tends to add to their progress and welfare, and he is ever ready to aid and co-operate with those of less affluent circumstances. He has several large well-improved farms in the state, and delights in fine stock of all kind. His is truly a busy life, and he gives personal attention, wherever possible, to each of his many business interests. He is president of the Lewis County Bank; president of the Weston Electric Light, Power & Water Company, and president and director of many other banks and corporations. He ranks high in Masonry, and is a member of the Protestant Episcopal Church. Despite his business activities he nevertheless finds time to enjoy the lighter side of life, his principal pleasure being found in travel with his family.

In 1889 Mr. BENNETT married Sallie, daughter of the late James and Ruth MAXWELL. James MAXWELL was a prominent merchant and banker at Wheeling, West Virginia. They have had three children: James Maxwell, deceased; Agra, who after graduating at St. Mary's Hall, Burlington, New Jersey, completed her education in Paris and was presented at the first court of King GEORGE V.; Louis Jr., a student at St. Luke's School preparatory to college.



PRESERVING OUR MILITARY HISTORY

BY JOY STALNAKER



I received this from another list and thought it would be a terrific idea for HCPD. Consequently, I've altered it to say, "HCPD." While you are at it, send in copies of your Civil War and Revolutionary War and all other wars pension papers, too...we have files for all the American conflicts.

For those of you who have World War II vets in your family it is important that you make copies of their discharge papers. I suggest that you send copies to HCPD for future records. In 1973 a fire at the records center destroyed about 80% of the records of Army personnel discharged between Nov. 1, 1912 and January 1, 1960. It also destroyed about 75% of the Air Force records for people discharged between Sept. 25, 1947 and January 1, 1964 (with names alphabetically after Hubbard, James E.) For all other military service, we genealogists and historians can get copies, but for these approximately 16-18 million veterans, their records are lost. Many veterans "registered" their discharges with their home counties when they got home. Remember there were no copy machines then and virtually all of these have no information but the veteran's name. Most veterans seemed to keep copies of these but many have been lost and many of these veterans have passed away with no family or none interested in preserving history. Save all you can in places where access can be obtained by our descendents 100 years from now...like at HCPD!



Old News from Philippi

By Diana TAYLOR

While in Philippi recently, I purchased two old newspapers - one from 1923, the other from 1939. Following are some of the more interesting genealogy items.

The Philippi Republican - Philippi, Barbour County, W.Va., Thursday, Dec 6, 1923, Frank G. KITTLE - Editor.

Thanksgiving Wedding - Miss Mabel Glendola CORDER and James Edward HICKMAN - Thanksgiving evening 1923 at 5:30 o'clock at the home of the brides parents - Mr. & Mrs. L. R. CORDER.

Card of Thanks - Mr. & Mrs. Richard NUTTER - illness and death of our infant daughter, Elizabeth Jane.

Announcements are received - Mr. & Mrs. Andy V. STALNAKER announce the marriage of their daughter, Adria Catherine to Mr. S. Lamar BEAVER, on Saturday, December 1, 1923 in Washington, D.C.

The Barbour Democrat, Philippi, West Virginia, Thursday, April 13, 1939.

Beer Parlor Operator Murdered at Brownton - Patsy MORASCO, 49, was slain early last Saturday. He is survived by 2 sisters, Mrs. Frank MARRA and Mrs. Velma PICOLO of Brownton, said to be his only near relatives in this country.

Marriages

Miss Mattie AUVIL of Philippi and Harvey ROBINSON of Grafton were married recently. Daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Charles AUVIL of Philippi and son of Mr. & Mrs. Jesse W. ROBINSON of Grafton. Miss Beryl LANTZ of Philippi and Vernon V. HERSCHMAN of Meriden were married Easter Sunday. Daughter of Mr. & Mrs. D. C. LANTZ of Philippi; son of Mr. & Mrs. W. T. HERSCHMAN of Meriden. Miss Adis MOUSER reveals her marriage of January 14th to George SHAFFER - daughter of Mr. & Mrs. William MOUSER of Philippi and son of Mr. & Mrs. Dolph SHAFFER of Kasson.

Death Notices

Mrs. Barbara Ellen SHAW. Barbara Ellen SHAW was one of 8 children of William and Jane THOMPSON WOODFORD. She was born June 22nd, 1857, her age at death on April 10, 1939 being 81 years, 2 months and 11 days. She was joined in matrimony March 12, 1879 to David William SHAW who preceeded her in death, January 18, 1919. To this union were born 2 sons - David Blain SHAW (unmarried) who died in the year 1936 at Charleston, and William Ralston SHAW now residing at the SHAW farm. Other survivors include one sister, Mrs. Mary Cordelia ROBINSON of Philippi; 2 granddaughters, Margaret and Betty SHAW as well as a long line of nieces, nephews and cousins. The early ancestor of this family of WOODFORDs was John Howe

WOODFORD who resided and reared a large family at the old brick house in the upper Pleasant Creek valley.

Mrs. Rebecca PAUGH. Funeral services were held on Monday afternoon at the Nutter Cemetery in Elk, this county, for Mrs. Rebecca PAUGH, 93, who died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Daisy DePOY, at Gassaway, on last Saturday night. Mrs. PAUGH was the daughter of Julia Ann and James NUTTER. She married John Wesley PAUGH, who died 57 years ago. She was the mother of 9 children, 6 of whom survive - Mrs. Flora BARTLETT, Boise, ID; Mrs. Emma BARTLETT, Columbus, OH; Mrs. Daisy DePOY, Gassaway; Worth PAUGH, Wheeling; Ledru PAUGH, Los Angeles, CA; L. N. B. PAUGH, Philippi, WV. A daughter, Mrs. Mattie DePOY died a few years ago, and two children died in infancy. She is survived by 13 grandchildren, 20 great grandchildren and one great, great, grandchild.

Mrs. Louisa TAYLOR. Funeral services for Mrs. Louisa J. TAYLOR, 88, were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday. Mrs. TAYLOR was born March 26, 1851, the daughter of the late Martin and Julia YEAGER CHAMP, of near Bellington. She was the widow of the late Richard H. TAYLOR, a Union Soldier in the Civil War. Surviving is one daughter, Mrs. Francis NORRISON, of Bellington.

Learn Latin in One Easy Lesson

From Sara PATTON - Hardy County "List"

Initials after your ancestors' names may provide useful information you had not expected. This list includes initials you may see when reading old wills or documents.

a.a.s. - died in the year of his/her age (anno aetatis suae) (86 y/o died in year 86)

d.s.p. - died without issue (decessit sine prole legitima)

d.s.p.l. - died without legitimate issue decessit sine prole mascula supersita)

d.s.p.m.s. - died without surviving male issue (decessit sine prole mascula supersita)

d.s.p.s. -died without surviving issue (decessit sine prole supersita)

d.v.p. - died in the lifetime of his/her father (decessit vita patris)

d.unm. - died unmarried

d.v.m. - died in the lifetime of his/her other (decessit vita matris)

Et al. - and others (et alia)

inst. - present month (instans)

Liber - book or volume

Nepos - grandson

Nunc - Nuncupative will,

an oral will, written by a witness

Ob. - s/he died (obit)

Relict - widow or widower (relicta/relictus)

Sic - so, or thus, exact copy as written

Testes - witnesses

Ult. - late (ultimo)

Ux. or **us.** - wife (uxor)

Viz - namely (videlicet)

West's Fort

submitted by Joy GILCHRIST STALNAKER

Some of us are particularly interested in items referring to the earliest times along the West Fork of the Monongahela. I found this in *Virginia Militia In The Revolutionary War*, by J.T. McALLISTER, originally published in 1913 by McAllister Publishing Co, Hot Springs, VA and recently reprinted by Hertiage Books. The following is from page 54:

"Adam ARBOGAST applied for pension in "Pocahontas Co, 6 November 1832. Born 1760; Indian spy, 1776 or 1777. Drafted, and marched under Capt. John McCOY and Lt. Joseph GWIN to West's Fort on West Fork of Monogalhela (sic), then down the river to Lowther's Fort, then lower yet to Nutter's Fort, where he remained much of the three months, and finally to Coontie's Fort, where troops were called in consequence of the Indians killing a write (sic) woman while she was spreading hemp in a field. Volunteered, 1778, as Indian spy under same Captain, and marched to Warm Springs, whence he, together with George HULL, John GU, and Conrad FLEISHER, were ordered to Crabbottom to guard that locality, and there remained the rest of his time. At another time he marched from his home (now Highland), across Greenbrier River to head of Seneca in pursuit of Indians. Date not given (1781?)."

The review on the book cover says:

"Although most able-bodied men served in the militia during the Revolutionary War, the militia records were not well kept, and many have been lost, so compilations such as the present work take on special value. Two sources which do generally exist are county records of officer appointments and Federal pension records, and it is those two sources that form the basis of the present work which provides a wealth of information on the Virginia militia. Included in this work are a listing of Virginia militia units and the actions in which they were engaged, abstracts of pension application declarations of several hundred Virginia soldiers who received pensions solely on the basis of their militia service, a listing of militia officers appointed by the various counties in Virginia, and listings of pensioners living in 1835 who served in Virginia militia units during the war. The latter listing includes many Virginians who had migrated elsewhere and, since the listings show their residence as of 1835, can be of great help in tracing families back to their Virginia roots."

Dennison/Dennisson Family Reunion

The 7th Annual DENNISON/DENNISSON Family Reunion will be at Lewis County Park, Shelter #1, Weston, 26 Aug 2000 starting at 10 a.m. Family Photo at 1 p.m. This reunion focuses on descendants of James DENNISON. James was born in 1778 and married Sarah GREATHOUSE in 1808. James' brother, John, was born around 1770 and married Sarah NORMAN in 1795. Bring covered dish and tableware. If planning to attend, please contact Marlene McCUTCHEON KALTENBACH, 702 Cameron Rd, New Castle, PA 16101 or e-mail mmk12@psu.edu.



The Meeting at the Philippi Covered Bridge

submitted by Ada Lea LITZ

There are a great many interesting stories told and printed about the early **REGER** families in West Virginia. Many of these are covered in the histories of West Virginia, such as McWhorter's *Border Settlers*, etc. One that has been missed and is of some interest is as follows: At precisely five o'clock on the afternoon of June 5th, 1861, two days after the first land battle of the civil war, two troops of cavalry galloped into the little village of Philippi, WV, where this battle had been fought and stationed themselves at both ends of the covered bridge that spans the Tygart River Valley.

One troop approached the town from the north, going toward Webster. The other came in on the Beverly Pike from the south. The troops from the north were uniformed in blue...the troops from the south in gray. With military precision and dispatch, each troop lined the approaches to the respective ends of the bridge and effectively sealed the two long, dark, tunnel-like lanes of the bridge. There was no indication that either troop knew of the presence of the other.

The troopers were at attention when they drew up at the bridge and as they sat on their horses facing the bridge, they remained at attention. Exactly at 5 p.m., two large black coaches approached the bridge, one from the north and the other from the south. The two coaches were almost identical. The blinds were tight and buckled and the coaches were drawn by four-horse teams of matched black horses that showed signs of hard driving. The only noticeable difference was the uniforms of the mounted escorts...blue and gray.

When the bridge was reached, the escorts dropped back and the coaches entered the covered bridge. They met in the middle and halted. All efforts of the cavalrymen to insure secrecy were taken, but there were two eye witnesses. Two boys, about fifteen years of age and both residents of Philippi, were playing in the covered bridge when the cavalrymen arrived. They were Chuck **SIMMON** and Shelton **REGER**, son of Albert **REGER**. Naturally they were "scared right out of their britches," but not too scared to scamper like monkeys in the dim outline of the rafters overhead where they hid and kept quiet.

The two boys saw a man get out of the surrey that came from the Webster way, bend over and go through the braces of the bridge and get into the other surrey. After a while he got out of the other surrey, and looking back, said, "May God forgive and have mercy on our souls." Then he turned back and slowly climbed into his own surrey. One man was Abe **LINCOLN**...the other was Jeff **DAVIS**. President Abe **LINCOLN** and President Jeff **DAVIS** had met at this secret meeting place in a desperate effort to stave off the terrific and bloody conflict which threatened the nation. Later, **LINCOLN** said, "I humbled myself and my country before a proud and resolute man. I can do no more. The war must go on to its inevitable conclusion." President Jeff **DAVIS** said to **LEE** (both were Virginians), "My mission was a failure, General. The minds of the north and the minds of the south can meet only upon one common ground, the battlefields." The rest is history.

Clarksburg Exponent-Telegram

June 2000

Cemetery Access Law Proves *There Are Some Things Money Can't Buy*

based on an interview with Joy STALNAKER

As anyone who has seen the current generation of Master Card commercials should know by now - there are some things money just can't buy. And, as we've discovered since printing an article concerning a new cemetery access law, that includes certain land-use rights.

Our article ran on Sunday, June 4. It detailed the provisions of a new state law that allows extended family and genealogical researchers to access a single gravesite or cemetery, regardless of who owns the land surrounding it.

Those qualified individuals who wish to visit a gravesite on private land may now enlist the aid of a county circuit court if they are denied access by the landowner, according to Joy STALNAKER. STALNAKER was a chief promoter of the law and is director of the Central West Virginia Genealogy and History Library in Lewis County. She said the law is an extremely important one for West Virginia.

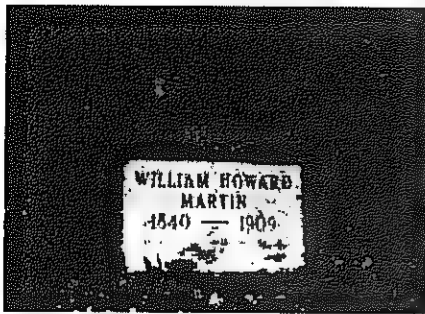
We agree. In the past, some landowners have feared allowing cemetery access because of potential law suits should a visitor become injured on their property, STALNAKER said. As a result, some have tried to hide evidence there is a cemetery on their land, she added, although West Virginia already had laws against the desecration of a burial site or the removal of gravestones.

Others have kept families out. Based on the number of phone calls we've been getting, a lot of families have been kept out. Again and again, we are hearing of landowners who have fenced off small cemeteries and have kept family members out with a locked gate. Other families say they had already begun court action and are excited to hear the law has turned in their favor. We are pleased for these families and hope they show the same respect to landowners as to the gravesites.

We are also pleased our state legislators did the right thing--in spite of a history of enacting land-use laws that ignore anything except the desires, sometimes greed, of present landowners.

In allowing families and historians access to these private gravesites, the Legislature showed much more than a reflection of America's respect for human life. Lawmakers showed a belief that at least some aspects of land ownership are a temporary thing --- that residents of the past and future have rights as well.

They did the right thing. We hope they will do more of the same. We hope they will lead the way in saying: There are some things money just can't buy. If you had a hand in getting this law passed, thanks so very much.



The Wallace Cemetery, Wallace, WV

submitted by Robert BLANKENSHIP

This cemetery is located in Harrison County, not too far from the small town of Wallace, WV. At one time this cemetery was known as the "Wallace Cemetery," or so my Mother, Georgia PITTS BLANKENSHIP, tells me. The cemetery is on the farm that formerly belonged to William Howard MARTIN, my Great-grandfather. He is buried on this plot next to his wife, Minerva HERBERT MARTIN. My Grandfather, James PITTS, and his daughter, Elsie Bowman PITTS, are also buried there. Grandfather PITTS was the last person buried in "our" section of the cemetery. He died January 13, 1939.

The entire cemetery has been reclaimed by the woods in the area now. In addition to the 25' x 25' section where the members of my family are buried, there are a number of graves of the BOGGESS family that are unmarked...their precise locations are unknown. There is the headstone of Onie BOGGESS who took care of this cemetery up until his passing in 1969.

Directions to the Wallace Cemetery

At the main intersection on State Route 20, there is a paved county road leading generally west...this is County Route #1. Immediately after getting off Route #20, you turn right again to continue on Route #1 going in the direction of Rinehart. About a mile on the paved road, you will come to a fork in the road. Keep to the left to stay on Route #1. Coming down a small hill, you will find an old driveway leading off to the left (generally south). This driveway has been repaired and travel over it is possible provided the owners have left the gate open. If the gate is closed, park on the shoulder of Route #1 and walk the rest of the way.

After leaving Route #1 and heading south, you will cross Little Tenmile Creek on a new bridge. Continue on this driveway until you come to the hill on your right. There you will find where a new culvert has been put in...cross it and start climbing the hill by foot, going south toward the woods on a well-used path. Once in the woods, you will come to a place that at one time was fenced. The 25 x 25 foot area, now covered by myrtle and ivy, is the graveyard plot.

There is a path leading to the graves of the BOGGESS family further into the woods. A large headstone almost overgrown by a tree at the upper end of the graveyard marks the grave of Onie BOGGESS. There are graves of the other Boggess family members around this marker, some with headstones, but most without. You will also find new markers I placed at the MARTIN graves in 1997. There is a "reading" of this cemetery in the HCPD library.

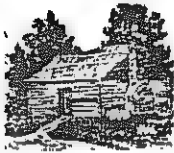
Census Taker

submitted by Dan HYDE and L. NEEDHAM -- author unknown

It was the first day of census, and all through the land;
The pollster was ready ... a black book in hand.
He mounted his horse for a long dusty ride;
His book and some quills were tucked close by his side.



A long winding ride down a road barely there;
Toward the smell of fresh bread wafting, up through the air.
The woman was tired, with lines on her face;
And wisps of brown hair she tucked back into place.



She gave him some water ... as they sat at the table;
And she answered his questions ... the best she was able.
He asked of her children... Yes, she had quite a few;
The oldest was twenty, the youngest not two.

She held up a toddler with cheeks round and red;
His sister, she whispered, was napping in bed.
She noted each person who lived there with pride;
And she felt the faint stirrings of the wee one inside.



He noted the sex, the color, the age...
The marks from the quill soon filled up the page.
At the number of children, she nodded her head;
And saw her lips quiver for the three that were dead.

The places of birth she "never forgot";
Was it Kansas? or Utah? or Oregon ... or not?



They came from Scotland, of that she was clear;
But she wasn't quite sure just how long they'd been here.

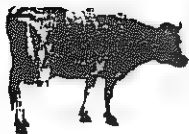


They spoke of employment, of schooling and such;
They could read some and write some, though really not much.
When the questions were answered, his job there was done;
So he mounted his horse and he rode toward the sun.

We can almost imagine his voice loud and clear;
"May God bless you all for another ten years."



Now picture a time warp ... it's now you and me;
As we search for the people on our family tree.



We squint at the census and scroll down so slow;
As we search for that entry from long, long ago.
Could they only imagine on that long ago day;
That the entries they made would effect us this way?

If they knew, would they wonder at the yearning we feel;
And the searching that makes them so increasingly real.
We can hear if we listen the words they impart;
Through their blood in our veins and their voice in our heart.





The Unusual Will of Daniel Conrad

submitted by Cindy KOSTKA

Braxton Democrat

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Sutton, WV, Thursday

"An Unique Instrument on Record in County Clerk's Office"

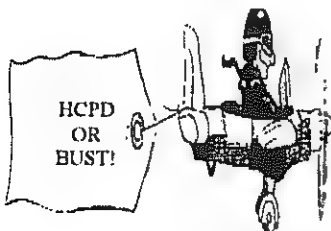
"Know all men by these presents that I, Daniel CONRAD, of Lewis County, and State of Virginia, being in my natural senses and in perfect mind. I will my soul and body to the hands of the Almighty God of Heavens, and I beg the Almighty God of Heavens for his mercies and to pardon me, grace my sins and iniquities and transgressions and of all my evil and unlawful and unrighteous deeds and sins, and if the Almighty God of Heavens will spare my life and let me always live, and will pardon me, and will spare my life and let me always live and will restore me to my natural health and strength and to the natural use of myself again, and will let me be restored to my natural health and strength and to the natural use of myself again, and will enable me to get those ores and coins and treasures and matters that are on my land, or on any of my land, or anywhere else, when the Almighty God is willing and pleases to let me find and get on ground and under ground, and will enable me to make use of, and to have made use of and will enable me.....are paid, is to be added to said church.

"As for Abe, the black boy that father willed to me is not to come to any of my family, and as for Peggy, my wife, is to have no inheritance on any of my land nor any of her children, and my brother, John, and none of his family, nor none of Benjamin's, nor of Haymond's, nor Boseley, nor his heirs is to interfere in my lands and legacies. Greenwood is not to interfere in any of my concerns.

"Whereas I appoint Mary BASTABLE, of Weston, my heir and administrator, and to come and stay with me and to take care of me and of my things, and to keep my and my things in nice and genteel order for me, and to do all that is just and right for me and herself while we both live, and to get all done that she can for me that is just and right.

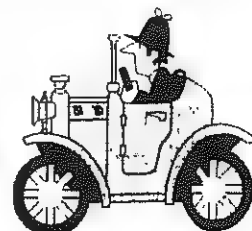
"May 10, 1837 Daniel CONRAD."

His estate was settled October 8, 1853 in Braxton County, (W)VA.



2000 HCPD GATHERING

Come by plane...come by car...walk if you have to! However you get to Horner, don't miss the HCPD Gathering on
August 11 - 13, 2000!

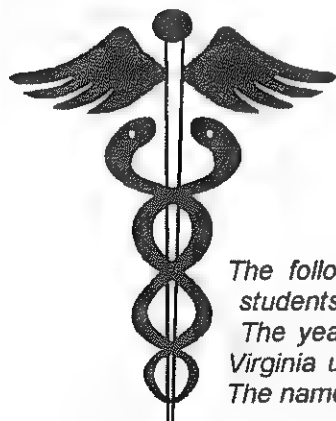


jots from Joy (continued from Page 101)

Virginia history. A small file of information that David accumulated over the years is part of our library collection. The collection would need to be used in the library or may be copied for anyone who wishes to order it. Five dollars should cover the cost of copies and postage.

Speaking of collections - we have some fascinating collections that are little used - either because folks don't know about them or don't understand their importance. Our photograph and manuscript collections, as well as those genealogy files stored on the library computers, are among these. Those of you who are online know about the Don NORMAN Collection. But I wonder how many of our "unwired" members have checked out those files. We do have the files available on CD-Rom, but they are too large to print for folks to buy.

Then there are the microfilms. While we don't have a large collection, we can order any film that you might need on Inter-Library Loan. Recently, the folks at Heritage Quest completed placing every census in the United States (1790 through 1920) on CD-Rom. We are in the process of purchasing the CDs of every census for every county in Central West Virginia for which we do not have a hard-copy. Because the CDs each contain one roll of microfilm, in many circumstances we will have census for counties outside of Central West Virginia. Each CD is \$19.95. If you would like to contribute to this effort, we would welcome your donations. One note of caution regarding these CD's: They are only indexed by head of household - not by every name! You still have to search as though you were using microfilm!



Who Have Enrolled

In the Medical School

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The following list, continued from earlier issues of the Journal, gives the names of the students who have enrolled in the West Virginia University Medical School from 1902-1962. The year of entrance and the place of residence is also given. Addresses are all in West Virginia unless otherwise indicated. This list is not indexed at the end of this Issue of HCJ. The names listed are those used when the student registered.*

This list was donated to HCJD by Mary SLEETH CREAMER, in memory of her father, Clark Kendall SLEETH.

Paine, Albert J
1942
Morgantown

Paletz, Samuel A
1935
Camden, NJ

Palkot, John S
1960
Morgantown

Palmer, Glenn F
1934
Pine Grove

Pantalone,
Albert, 1943
Farmington

Park, George
1924
Blacksville

Park, Phillip M
1962
Petersburg

Parker, Homer S
1926
McMechen

Parker, Minor L 1933, Mt. Hope	Peck, Frank M 1943 Logan	Perrone, Joseph A., 1924 Rankin, PA	Phillips, Robert W 1929 Kingwood
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